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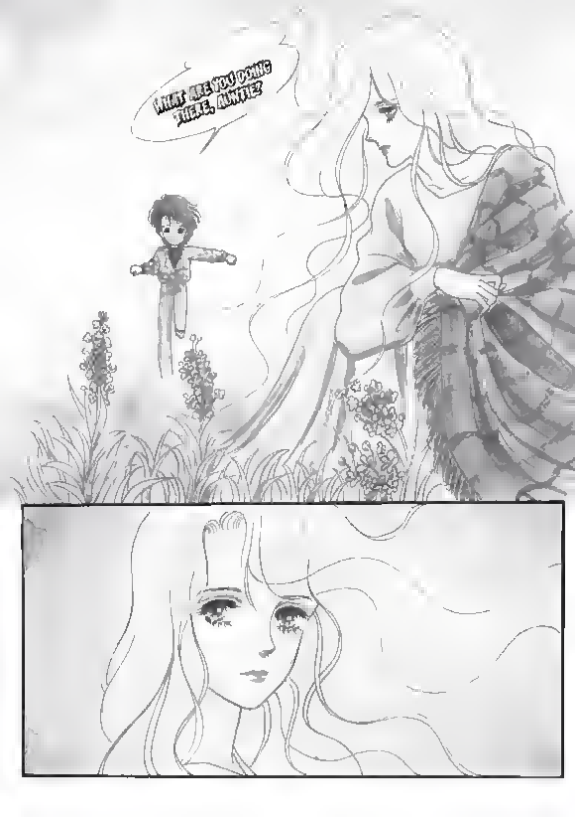
PART 3. THE SONG BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

CHAPTER 1 HANBIT WANDERS THE DREAM WORLD AND MISTY RAIN STARTS A PART TIME JOB


WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE, AUNTIE?

SHE'S ALWAYS THE SAME.
AUNTIE DOESN'T LAUGH
TALK...OR GET ANGRY.
SHE DOESN'T EVEN
TRY TO LIKE ME...
SHE'S JUST LIKE
A DOLL...
BUT I REALLY
LIKE HER...

A SNAKE!
?
SLITHER
IT HURTS..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING AUNTIE? GET RID OF THAT THING RIGHT NOW!
SLAPP

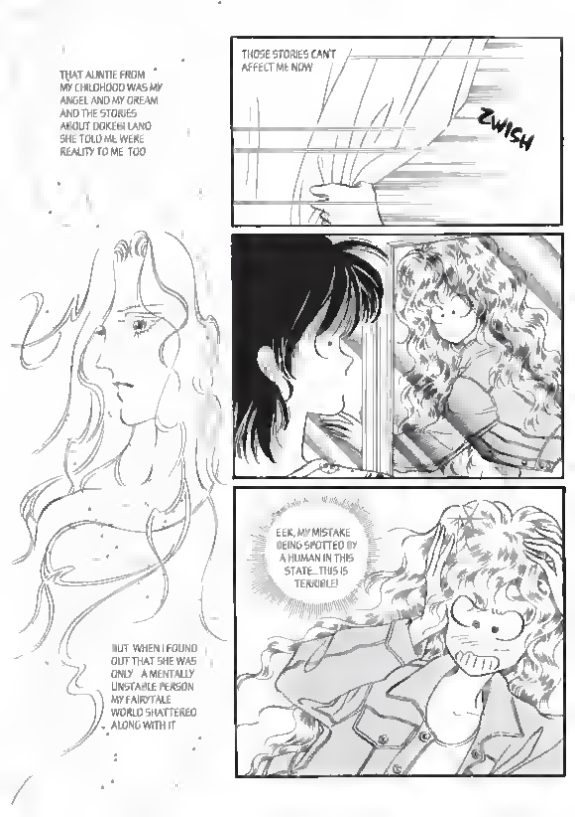
SLURRP!
SLURP!
I READ IN A BOOK ONCE THAT THIS IS WHAT I SHOULD DO TO TREAT A SNAKE BITE.
THE WHITE ANGEL REALLY DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING AT ALL.
PTOOI
YOU'RE... STRONG FOR A LITTLE KID
HOW RUDE YOU JERK!
THIS IS NOTHING, LEAVE IT TO ME.
HOO HOO

SHE LAUGHED
THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.
FOLLOW ME.
TH-
THUMP
EEP!
THE WHITE ANGEL LAUGHED
YOU'RE A GOOD BOY SO I'LL SHOW YOU THE GREAT KING OF DARKNESS.
THE GREAT
N... NO
IT'S ALL RIGHT HE'S NOT SCARY AT ALL. THE KING IS INSIDE A PAINTING AND...
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW NICE HE IS.

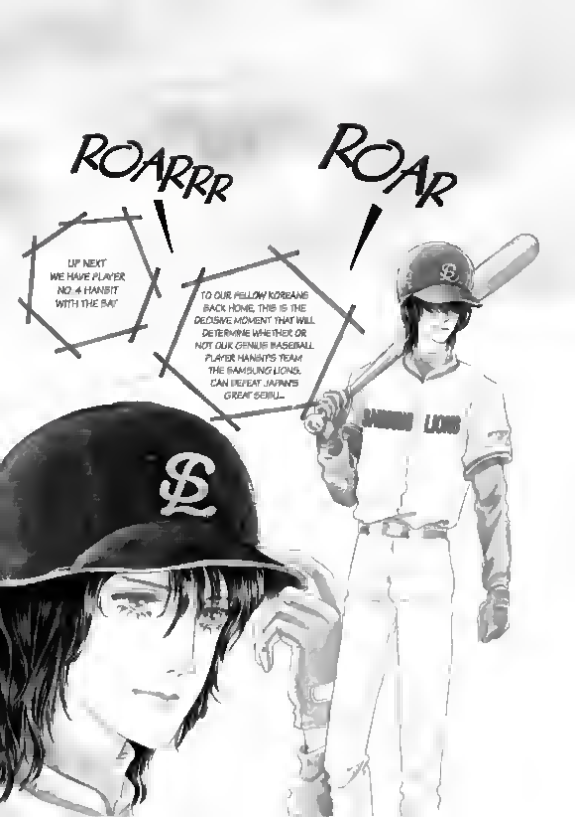
...HUH!
SEEMS AUNTIE LIKES THAT MONSTER KING OF DARKNESS MORE THAN ME.
IT'S HERE, COME ON IN
THE KING OF DARKNESS IS EVIL.
AND LOOKS HIDEOUS
HE HAS HORNS ON HIS FOREHEAD

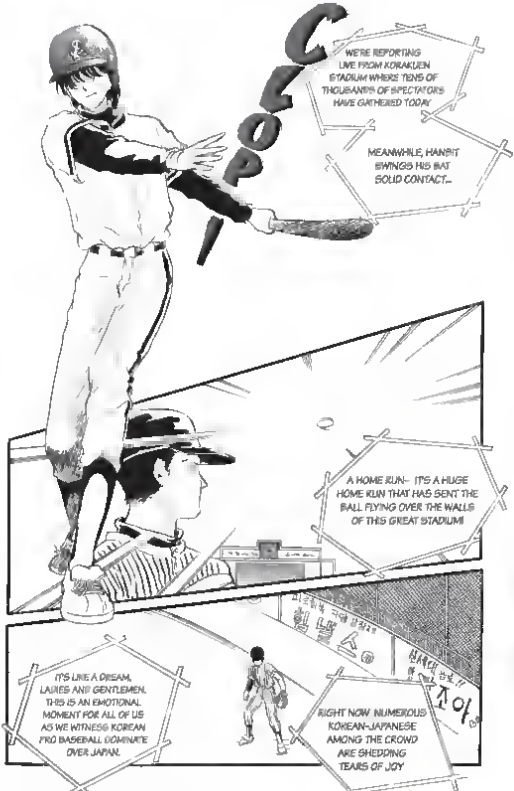
I HAD A DREAM.
A DREAM ABOUT
MY CHILDHOOD THAT
I HAVEN'T HAD
IN A LONG TIME

THIS PAINTING WHICH REIGNED OVER MY AUNT'S SOUL... I HAVE IT NOW BECAUSE SHE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE.


THAT AUNTIE FROM MY CHILDHOOD WAS MY ANGEL AND MY DREAM AND THE STORIES ABOUT DOKEBI LAND SHE TOLD ME WERE REALITY TO ME TOO
BUT WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT SHE WAS ONLY A MENTALLY UNSTABLE PERSON MY FAIRYTALE WORLD SHATTERED ALONG WITH IT
THOSE STORIES CAN'T AFFECT ME NOW
ZWISH
EEK, MY MISTAKE BEING SPOTTED BY A HUMAN IN THIS STATE...THIS IS TERRIBLE!

I'LL USE THIS UMBRELLA OF INVISIBILITY THE NANNY GAVE ME...
POOF
OF OF COURSE, IT'S NOT THAT I WASN'T INFLUENCED BY THEM AT ALL...
REEL
JUDGING FROM THIS KIND OF ILLUSION AND THE FACT THAT THE JERK LOOKS LIKE A DOKEI!! TO ME...
* "THE JERK" REFERS TO BRUM
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I NEED MORE SLEEP...I'LL GO BACK TO BED THIS TIME, I'LL MAKE SURE I HAVE A GOOD DREAM.
REEL
REEL
REEL
WHEW~ THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL
I NEARLY GOT SENT TO THE ZOO TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW HE CAME BACK INTACT FROM THE ROAD OF MOEBIUS
I SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL


ROARRR
ROAR
UP NEXT WE HAVE PLAYER NO.4 HANBIT WITH THE BAT
TO OUR FELLOW KOREANS BACK HOME, THIS IS THE DECISIVE MOMENT THAT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OUR GENIUS BASEBALL PLAYER HANBIT'S TEAM THE SAMSUNG LIONS, CAN DEFEAT JAPAN'S GREAT SEIBU...
SAMSUNG LIONS


CRACK!
WE'RE REPORTING LIVE FROM KORAKUEN STADIUM WHERE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS HAVE GATHERED TODAY
MEANWHILE, HANBIT SWINGS HIS BAT SOLID CONTACT...
A HOME RUN- IT'S A HUGE HOME RUN THAT HAS SENT THE BALL FLYING OVER THE WALLS OF THIS GREAT STADIUM!
IT'S LIKE A DREAM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THIS IS AN EMOTIONAL MOMENT FOR ALL OF US AS WE WITNESS KOREAN PRO BASEBALL DOMINATE OVER JAPAN.
RIGHT NOW NUMEROUS KOREAN-JAPANESE AMONG THE CROWD ARE SHEDDING TEARS OF JOY

THE GREAT KOREAN GENIUS ATHLETE HANBIT
OUR HANBIT, THE ONE WHO HAS MOVED THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS OF KOREAN-JAPANESE BY HITTING A GOODBYE GRAND SLAM IN THE SHOWDOWN WITH SEIBU.
SAMSUNG LIONS
SORRY ABOUT THE SEIBU DRAGONS NOT BEING TOTALLY ACCURATE
THE D'MACH FAN TEAM SEIBU GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTS DEFEAT AND ASKS TO SHAKE HANBIT'S HAND.
AS I THOUGHT, WE CAN'T REPLICATE THE TALENT OF THE KOREAN SAMSUNG TEAM
NOT ALL LIONS ARE THE SAME YOU SEE?
WE LOST.
JUST LIKE SAMSUNG SEIBU'S TEAM NAME IS THE LIONS
AHH... WHY AM I SO GOOD AT BASEBALL? I'M THE GENIUS WITH THE GOLDEN ARMS HANBIT! YOU'RE ALREADY A SUCCESS

BEHOLD ALL THOSE COUNTLESS EYES LOOKING AT ME WITH ADORATION
EYES
THOSE EYES
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
CAT
CAT
CAT

THIS DREAM WAS A WEIRD ONE WITH A REALLY REALLY UNEASY ENDING

MY DEAR STUDENTS, THE EXAM SCHEDULES WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING SO MUCH FOR HAVE JUST BEEN MADE.
WOO~
NO~
BOO~
ZZZZZ~

DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, SO DO YOUR BEST. THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MORNING...

WHAT DO I DO? I'VE BEEN NEGLECTING SCHOOL WORK BECAUSE OF MY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
I'VE BEEN PLAYING TOO MUCH, TOO.
HEHE~ I'M GLAD I QUIT THE BASEBALL TEAM. IT'S A WASTE OF TIME AND PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND IT ONLY GETS IN THE WAY OF SCHOOL WORK.

BUSTLE
BUSTLE
THEY'RE INTERESTED IN STUDYING ONLY AFTER THE EXAM HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THEY'RE TOTAL SINGLE-CELL ORGANISMS.
IF THEY HAD STUDIED A LITTLE EVERY DAY LIKE I HAVE, THEY WOULDVE BEEN ABLE TO FACE IT WITH THE CALMNESS OF GENTLE WAVES...
THINGS LIKE FRIENDSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE ALL WORTHLESS
SN'T GOING TO A FIRST TIER COLLEGE WITH EXCELLENT GRADES THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES YOUR SCHOOL LIFE WORTHWHILE? EXAMS ARE INDEED THE TRUE CELEBRATIONS OF THE STUDENT BODY. THEYRE SCHOOL PARTIES THAT MAKE ME, THE GREAT HANJUK STAND OUT
CHUNK
THAT'S WHY I LIKE EXAMS BEST OF ALL
FIRST TEST PICTURE
OK
G—RRR

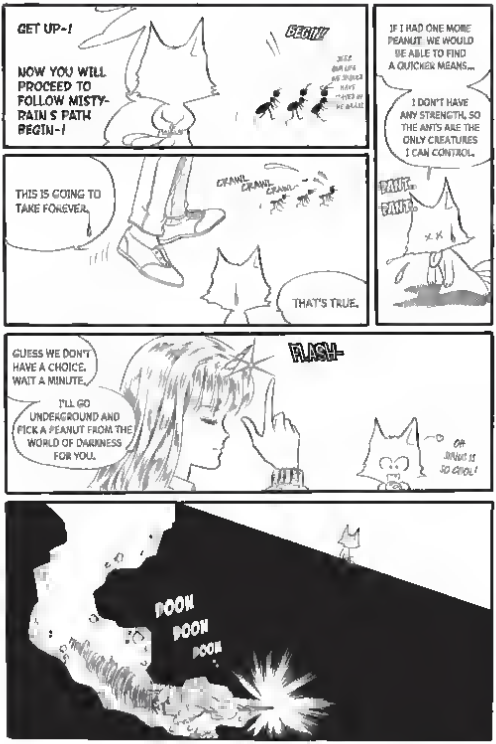
WH WHAT IS THIS-?!
FOR A MOMENT THERE I THOUGHT I WAS LOOKING AT FREDDY KRUEGER FROM NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET
BUT, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SURPRISED US, HANBIT!
THAT STINKING BASTARD!
IS THERE ANYONE NAMED SIRIUS IN THIS CLASS ROOM?
I DON'T KNOW!

HE STILL HASN'T GOTTEN RID OF THAT TEMPER.
UM, ISN'T HE THE GUY WHO RAN FOR CLASS PRESIDENT AND LOST...LIKE, A WHILE AGO?
YEAH. I WON BY A LANDSLIDE. ANYONE CAN RUN FOR CLASS PRESIDENT...BUT EARNING THE VOTES IS SOMETHING ELSE.
I COMPLETELY OUTCLASS HIM IN EVERYTHING—LOOKS, PHYSIQUE, GRADES.
DAMN YOU!
HOW COME I DIDN'T GET ELECTED?

THAT DOES IT I WILL STUDY HARD AND REMAIN NO. 1 IN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL GIVING RISE TO ANOTHER "RABBIT BOOM."
KYAA-HUHHHH
WHAT-?
MISTY-RAIN WENT HOME WITHOUT ME AGAIN TODAY?!!
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON
THIS IS REALLY STRANGE LATELY. IT SEEMS AS IF SHE JUST VANISHES WITHOUT A TRACE AS SOON AS CLASSES ARE OVER AND SHE DOESN'T COME BACK HOME UNTIL LATE IN THE EVENING

MISTY RAIN HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR A PART TIME JOB FOR MANY DAYS NOW. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN VERY FEW JOB OPENINGS FOR A GIRL IN JUNIOR HIGH
WHEW~ I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW HARD IT WAS TO FIND A JOB
I'M SURE I CAN'T BE GOOD AT ANY JOB IF ONLY THEY WOULD GIVE ME A CHANCE!
DROOP~
EXCUSE ME?
DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW A PLACE CALLED "MIGNICAN PIZZA"?
WHOA~ SHE LOOKS LIKE A HUGE PUMPKIN
AH... UM... THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, TOO SO I'M NOT SO SURE.

THAT'S WEIRD. THEY SAID EVERYBODY IN THIS SIDE OF TOWN KNOWS WHERE "MEGNICAN PIZZA" IS AND I ONLY HAD TO ASK... WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW? THE WORLD IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN LIKE MYSELF TO BE WANDERING ALONE.
YAK YAK
MONGRYONG, IF YOU KNOW WHERE MISTY RAIN WENT, THEN TELL ME.
I'LL TELL YOU IF YOU GIVE ME A PEANUT
SWOOSH~
CATCH~!
I WANT MORE~
WHY ARE THERE ONLY TWO PEANUTS IN ONE SHELL?
IT'LL BE NICE IF THEY HAD ONE MORE FRIEND~
KU-RU-RU-RU-RU-RU
CRUNCH..
LA~ LA~ HAPPY MONG
MR. SMARTY CUTIE
PEANUTS FROM THE WORLD OF DARKNESS ARE HARD TO GET. MAKE DO WITH THIS ONE. I'LL GIVE YOU MORE NEXT TIME.
OKAY SIRIUS. I'VE ALREADY CAPTURED THREE PRISONERS. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN MISTY-RAIN'S WHEREABOUTS.
YOU IDIOTS! HOW DARE YOU WALK PAST THE GREAT MONGRYONG WITHOUT OFFERING YOUR GREETINGS... HOLD YOUR HANDS UP HIGH!


GET UP~!
NOW YOU WILL PROCEED TO FOLLOW MISTY-RAIN'S PATH BEGIN~!
BEGIN!
IF I HAD ONE MORE PEANUT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A QUICKER MEANS...
I DON'T HAVE ANY STRENGTH, SO THE ANTS ARE THE ONLY CREATURES I CAN CONTROL.
PANT... PANT...
THIS IS GOING TO TAKE FOREVER.
CRAWL CRAWL CRAWL~
THAT'S TRUE.
GUESS WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. WAIT A MINUTE...
I'LL GO UNDERGROUND AND PICK A PEANUT FROM THE WORLD OF DARKNESS FOR YOU.
FLASH~
OH WOW! IT SO CYCLE!
BOOM BOOM BOOM

HERE IT GOES.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
IF PEOPLE SAW ME DO THIS...
ALL THESE CIRCUSES WOULD DIE TO RECRUIT ME.
WHO
YOU GOT SOME ENERGY NOW?
BOING
BOING
YUP.
YUP.
AH!
WOW
SNAP
HOW DARE YOU FLY OVER ME.
PLEASE DON'T KILL ME

ALL RIGHT...
I'LL RELEASE YOU AS SOON AS WE FIND A GIRL THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS.
FUZZ
LET'S GO.
MICHIGAN PIZZA
NOW-, FORM A LINE AND START SIGNING UP.
MANY NEEDED PART-TIME POSITIONS
BUSTLE
PIZZA
BUSTLE
THIS IS THE MOST FAMOUS PIZZA PLACE IN TOWN, ISN'T IT?
I CAN'T EVEN SEE...
WELL, I HEARD THEY SELL ALMOST EVERY KIND OF FAST FOOD STUFF. IF YOU GET A JOB IN THIS PLACE, YOU'LL PROBABLY GET MORE THAN ENOUGH TO EAT EVERYDAY
A PART-TIME POSITION
BUT THERE'S TOO MUCH COMPETITION
OVER THERE, MASTER MONGYONG.
IT'S MISTY-KAI!!

NEXT APPLICANT NUMBER 401
IT DIDN'T EVEN CROSS MY MIND THAT MISTY RAIN WOULD NEED A PART-TIME JOB WHEN IT'S PERHAPS ONLY A NATURAL THING FOR HER TO DO WHEN LIVING ALONE IN AN UNFAMILIAR WORLD
A PART-TIME POSITION IN A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT LIKE THIS WON'T BE BAD AT ALL
EXIT
A CONVENIENT PLACE FOR ME TO COME AND VISIT TOO
WHAT ON EARTH IS THE REASON FOR REJECTING ME?
SLAM
CALM
REJECTED
AT "MIGNICAN FIZZA," WE VALUE EMPLOYEES WITH BRIGHT, CHEERFUL, PRETTY, AND ADORABLE LOOKS.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DARK, UGLY FACES ARE A BIT...
THAT FACE IS UGLY? IS THE OWNER BLIND OR SOMETHING?
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
THEN MAY I...
YEAH. SHE'S CUTE AND PRETTY.
MMM...
OH BAE HAE...
BAH, I PULLED A COUPLE OF TRICKS...
MISTY-HAIN IN THE EYES OF THE OWNER COUPLE
SHE'S RIGHT, UNCLE. IT'S AN ACT OF SOCIAL PREJUDICE TO HIRE A PERSON BASED ON HIS/HER APPEARANCE.
BUT .. BUT TO PICK SOMEONE BASED ON THEIR LOOKS IS....
...! SHE'S
BUH-
BAM

WOW- SHE'S REAL UGLY
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BEAUTY? I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN YOUR ROOM. AND TAKE THAT SCARF OFF OF YOUR HEAD.
OH, YOU'RE THAT GIRL I SAW A MOMENT AGO.
GOOD AFTERNOON.
YEAH. HI.
HEY, DON'T BE TOO DISAPPOINTED JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE UGLY. IF A GREAT BEAUTY LIKE ME EXISTS IN THIS WORLD, OF COURSE THERE'S GOING TO BE SOMEONE AS UGLY AS YOU.
...RIGHT.
BUT, LIFE GOES ON- WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?
UNCLE, I LIKE THIS KID. LET'S HIRE HER.
WE NEED SOMEONE LIKE HER TO MAKE ME LOOK EVEN MORE GORGEOUS.

NO! BUSINESS AND PRIVATE LIFE SHOULD BE SEPARATED! WE'RE BENDING THE RULES AS IT IS BY LETTING YOU WORK HERE, BEAUTY!
NEXT-
UM... WELL...
OH HO HO
HO HO
FAILED AGAIN TODAY. I'VE WAITED FOR 2 LONG HOURS TOO.
HEY, DON'T BE SO DOWN HERE'S A CORN DOG.
THANKS
WH WHAT? WHY IS PRINCE SIRIUS HERE?

WHOA...
IF A HANDSOME GUY LIKE THAT WORKED HERE...?
GOSH-- I'M GONNA COME AND EAT HERE EVERY SINGLE DAY.
HIRED WITHOUT QUESTION!
HIRED
I'LL WORK UNDER THE CONDITION THAT PREVIOUSLY FAILED APPLICANT NO. 40 BE HIRED AS WELL.
WHAT?
WELL... THAT'S A LITTLE...
IF NOT....
WAIT-!
HONEY, A CUTIE LIKE THAT ALWAYS HAS MANY GIRLS FOLLOWING HIM.
BUT...
BESIDES, SINCE HE'S A FOREIGNER, GIRLS HIS AGE WILL FIND HIM EXOTIC, TOO.
THAT'S TRUE.

WHAT? I MADE IT?
YEAH HERE, DRINK THIS SODA, MISTY-RAIN.
HOW DID I GET HIRED SO SUDDENLY? OF COURSE IT'S GOOD NEWS BUT...
THANKS
UHGH
KHFF
KHFF
TAP TAP
YOU'RE GONNA CHOKE.
AW, THIS IS NOTHING... YOU AND ME, WE'RE...
SNAP
YEAH CLASSMATES.
YOU TWO, YOU'RE HIRED, SO START WORKING. IT'S GOING TO GET BUSY SOON.
YE... YEAH
WISH WE WERE LOVERS
YES, SIR-

THE PRINCE ALWAYS THINKS ABOUT MISTY-RAIN ONLY MISTY-RAIN.
HEH HEH I'M GLAD WE CAN WORK TOGETHER. IF NANNY SAW ME, SHE WOULD FAINT AT THE SIGHT OF THE UNICORN PRINCE DOING THIS KIND OF WORK. BUT
MISTY-RAIN FOR YOU I CAN DO ANYTHING
BEAUTIFUL...
CRACKING...
SO BEAUTIFUL...

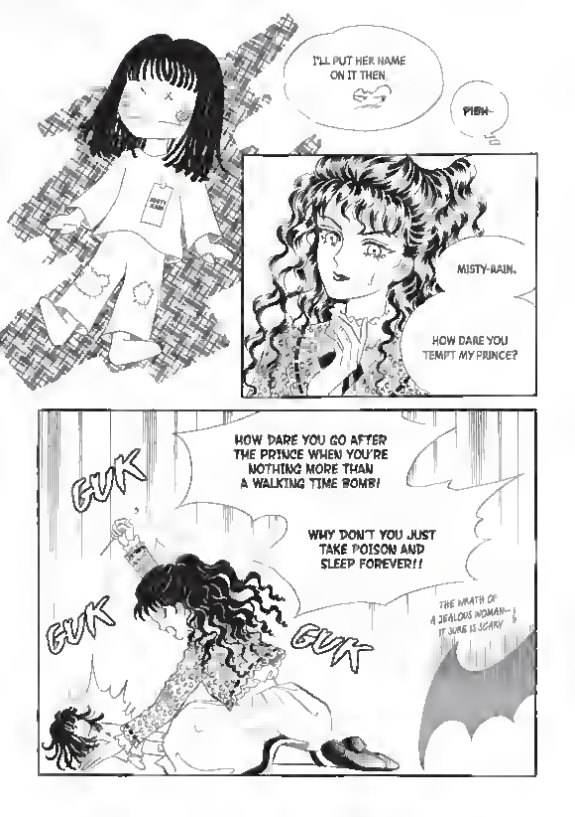
WHA.. WHAT WAS THAT?
JUST NOW I FELT AS IF SOMETHING WET TOUCHED MY FACE..
I DON'T LIKE IT
BEAUTIFUL

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN FEELING ANYTHING STRANGE LATELY?
MONGRYONG...
ANYTHING STRANGE?
WELL... I DON'T THINK ANYTHING HAS CHANGED IN THIS WORLD...
NO, I MEAN... I'M NOT CERTAIN BECAUSE I'M NOT USING MY MAGICAL POWERS TO MAKE SURE, BUT SHOULD I SAY IT FEELS LIKE SOMEONE IS WATCHING ME...?
...!
COULD IT BE THAT MISTY-RAIN IS SPYING ON ME IN SECRET BECAUSE SHE'S ONLY PRETENDING TO DISLIKE ME, BUT DEEP INSIDE SHE FEELS THE OPPOSITE WAY?
DON'T YOU THINK THE SOONER YOU GET RID OF YOUR DELUSIONS THE BETTER IT WILL BE FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
BE RATIONAL HERE

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I EVEN CHANGED MY HAIR TO BLACK, SO I WOULD LOOK MORE LIKE A NATIVE
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING, THORNPRICKER?
MY NEW LOOKS ARE ENOUGH TO ATTRACT THE PRINCE'S HEART TO ME, DON'T YOU THINK?
TURNS OUT THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF CUTE HUMAN CLOTHES, TOO.
HEHE
I DON'T THINK THE PRINCE LIKES MISTY-RAIN BECAUSE OF HER OUTFIT.
THIS ONE'S A LOT TO HIS FANCIES, TOO :)

THEN, SHOULD I CHANGE MY HAIR STYLE? STRAIGHTEN IT LIKE MISTY RAIN'S?
I DOUBT THAT'S GOING TO HELP THE PRINCE TURN HIS HEART TO YOU.
THEN, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? WHY DOES HE LIKE THAT RETARDED KID AND NOT ME THE GREATEST BEAUTY IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD? WHAT DOES MISTY-RAIN HAVE THAT I DON'T?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT!!
WOOSH
A NEEDLE AND A PIECE OF CLOTH.
AND WHAT ELSE DO I NEED?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, THORNPRICKER?
HAHA... IT'S ALL FINISHED.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BE PLAYING WITH DOLLS.
THORNPRICKER, DON'T TELL ME THAT'S...!!
HEHE. YES. THE HEX DOLL.
THROUGH THIS I CAN TORMENT MY RIVALS FOR LOVE THROUGH A DOLL USING MAGICAL SPELLS PASSED DOWN FROM ANCIENT TIMES
BUT, IT DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE MISTY-RAIN


I'LL PUT HER NAME ON IT THEN.
PISH-
MISTY-RAIN.
HOW DARE YOU TEMPT MY PRINCE?
HOW DARE YOU GO AFTER THE PRINCE WHEN YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A WALKING TIME BOMB!
GUK
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TAKE POISON AND SLEEP FOREVER!!
GUK
GUK
THE WRATH OF A JEALOUS WOMAN— IT SURE IS SCARY

ARG!!
WHAT'S WRONG, MISTY-RAIN?
EEE~
BECAUSE OF MY PART TIME JOB, MY BODY HAS BEEN ACHING A LOT LATELY, BUT RIGHT NOW I FEEL GREAT! I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE IS GIVING ME A MASSAGE...
NO! THAT FEELS SO GOOD~
TAP TAP
TAP TAP
YOU'RE RECOVERING QUICKLY BECAUSE YOU'RE YOUNG.
CUTE KID.

HUFF- HUFF-
THIS METHOD WON'T WORK. IT'S TOO OLD-FASHIONED AND NOT VERY EFFECTIVE.
THUMP
WOOSH

WOOSH
BONK
WHAT ARE YOU, AN OLD LADY? ALL YOU DO AFTER DINNER IS LOUNGE AROUND ON THE SOFA! CUT THESE APPLES UP!!
PUSH!
I EAT THE SKIN AND THE SEEDS ANYWAY, SO I'M JUST GOING TO EAT THEM THE WAY THEY ARE.
CRUNCH
ARRGH- THAT NASTY... WHY CAN'T SOMEONE JUST KIDNAP HER?!
AHHH THAT'S GROSS HANK!!

GULP
NO! YOU CAN ONLY HAVE ME!
I HAVE TO FIND HER WEAK SPOT
THE WEAK SPOT?
OVER HERE!
I SAID I NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE MY ORDER OVER HERE!

MISTY RAIN.
MEXICAN PIZZA
COME ON IN, GUYS!
MISTY-AA IS LOOKS! NEAT, DAYS WITH THAT APRON ON
I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR SEAT
SO SHE'S A PERF-ECTIONIST.
PLEASE TAKE MY ORDER...!!!
DARN IT THAT HATEFUL LITTLE !
SNAP

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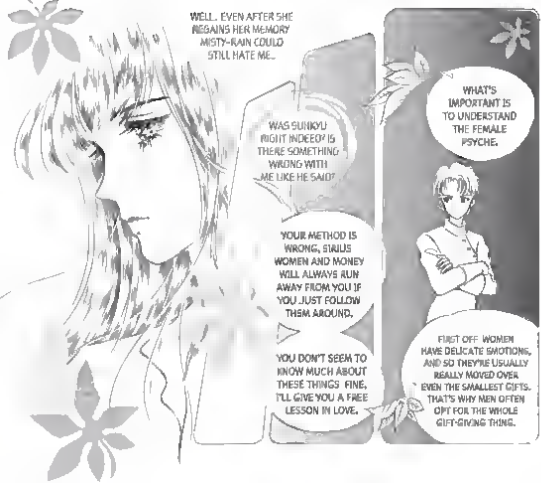
SIRIUS, GET UP
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SCHOOL?
HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF BED. IT'S CLOSE TO 8 ALREADY.
MMM...
SIRIUS...?
MMM... I WANT TO STAY HOME AND REST TODAY.

YOU'RE EXHAUSTED BECAUSE OF THAT PART-TIME JOB? OR... IS IT BECAUSE OF THE POLLUTED AIR...?
IT'S NOT THAT... YOU KNOW THAT I TOOK THE SEA WITCH'S PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.
BUT HE'S WAY TOO PALE. HE'S SO PALE THAT HE MIGHT DISAPPEAR AT ANY MOMENT
NO WORRIES
SO PALE...
I'M JUST TIRED, I'LL BE ALRIGHT ONCE I GET PLENTY OF REST.
MONG...RYONG?

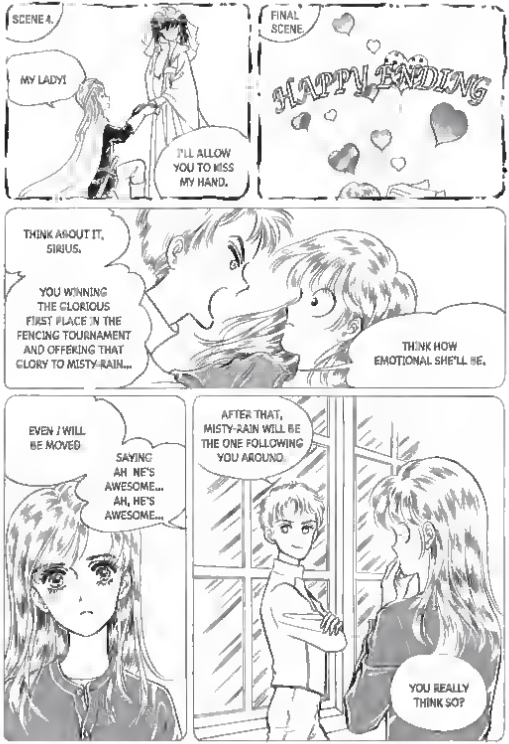
AH... I'M, I'M SORRY... YOU MUST BE TIRED...
REST WELL. I'LL BE OUTSIDE
TAP
WHAT WAS THAT?
THE CHILL THAT SUDDENLY ENVELOPED SIRIUS' BODY...
...SPEAKING OF WHICH, LATELY I REALLY HAVE BEEN FEELING VERY TIRED EVERY DAY
I GET TIRED EASILY AND I HAVE NO ENERGY...
THAT MONGRYONG, HE WORRIES ABOUT ME TOO MUCH.
DOES MY FACE REALLY LOOK THAT BAD?

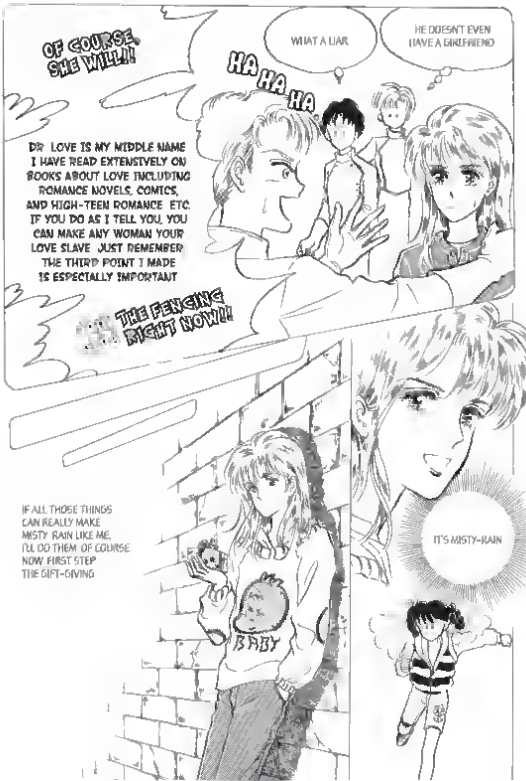
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M BEING HARASSED IN SO MANY WAYS. I'M BEING HARASSED AT SCHOOL
BUSTLE
OUR SOCCER TEAM IS THE BEST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY!
BUSTLE
STAIUS, YOU SHOULD COME THIS AFTERNOON.
REMEMBER THAT PLAY YOU AGREED TO DO. THE SWAN PRINCE.
MISTY: RAIN WELL MISTY: RAIN TOO
IF YOU KEEP TALKING TO ME ABOUT DOKEBIS AND STUFF I'LL HIT YOU!
AH— I'M FALLING INTO THE WELL OF SELF-HATRED
I CAN'T EVEN TURN MY FIANCÉE'S MEMORY AROUND HOW CAN I BE SO POWERLESS?


WELL... EVEN AFTER SHE REGAINS HER MEMORY MISTY-RAIN COULD STILL HATE ME.
WAS SUNKYU RIGHT INDEED? IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME LIKE HE SAID?
YOUR METHOD IS WRONG, STAIUS WOMEN AND MONEY WILL ALWAYS RUN AWAY FROM YOU IF YOU JUST FOLLOW THEM AROUND.
YOU DON'T SEEM TO KNOW MUCH ABOUT THESE THINGS. FINE, I'LL GIVE YOU A FREE LESSON IN LOVE.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS TO UNDERSTAND THE FEMALE PSYCHE.
FIRST OFF, WOMEN HAVE DELICATE EMOTIONS, AND SO THEY'RE USUALLY REALLY MOVED OVER EVEN THE SMALLEST GIFTS. THAT'S WHY MEN OFTEN OPT FOR THE WHOLE GIFT-GIVING THING.

HMM~ NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I HAVEN'T GIVEN MISTY-RAIN ONE SINGLE PRESENT YET.
SEE?!
YOU SEE?! THAT'S WHY YOU'RE STILL BEING IGNORED!
AH~
I'VE NEVER WRITTEN A LOVE LETTER IN MY LIFE... THIS IS TERRIBLE.
SECONDLY, WOMEN BECOME WEAK WHEN IT COMES TO BEAUTY AND ROMANCE. COMPOSE A BEAUTIFUL POEM AND PRESENT IT TO HER, OR WRITE A LETTER CONTAINING A TOUCHING STORY...
A LETTER~
AND THIRDLY...
THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE.
IMPORTANT? WHAT IS IT? TELL ME!
GLORY!

WOMEN LOVE GLORY.
KNIGHTS FROM A LONG TIME AGO OFFERED THE GLORY OF WINNING A DUEL TO THE WOMEN THEY LOVED..
GLORY YES.. I THINK I READ ABOUT IT IN A MAGAZINE CALLED "STORIES OF THE HUMAN WORLD." IT SAID HUMAN MEN CHALLENGE EACH OTHER TO A DUEL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THEIR LOVE
SCENE 1
EN GARDE! I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL PRINCESS MISTY-RAIN IS MY FIANCÉE!
THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD SAY I SHALL NEVER BACK DOWN. EN GARDE!
SCENE 2
PRINCESS MISTY-RAIN
STOP FIGHTING FOR MY GLORY, PRINCE SIRIUS IF YOU GET HURT, I...
AHH... I THINK PRINCE SIRIUS IS JUST SO COOL
SCENE 3
PRINCE SIRIUS WOW!
YAY!
YAY!


SCENE 4.
MY LADY!
I'LL ALLOW YOU TO MISS MY HAND.
FINAL SCENE
HAPPY ENDING
THINK ABOUT IT, SIRIUS.
YOU WINNING THE GLORIOUS FIRST PLACE IN THE FENCING TOURNAMENT AND OFFERING THAT GLORY TO MISTY-RAIN...
THINK HOW EMOTIONAL SHE'LL BE.
EVEN I WILL BE MOVED
SAYING AH HE'S AWESOME... AH, HE'S AWESOME...
AFTER THAT, MISTY-RAIN WILL BE THE ONE FOLLOWING YOU AROUND.
YOU REALLY THINK SO?


OF COURSE, SHE WILL!!
HA HA HA
WHAT A LIAR
HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
DR LOVE IS MY MIDDLE NAME I HAVE READ EXTENSIVELY ON BOOKS ABOUT LOVE INCLUDING ROMANCE NOVELS, COMICS, AND HIGH-TEEN ROMANCE ETC. IF YOU DO AS I TELL YOU, YOU CAN MAKE ANY WOMAN YOUR LOVE SLAVE JUST REMEMBER THE THIRD POINT I MADE IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT
THE PENCING RIGHT NOW!!
IF ALL THOSE THINGS CAN REALLY MAKE MISTY RAIN LIKE ME, I'LL DO THEM OF COURSE NOW FIRST STEP THE GIFT-GIVING
BABY
IT'S MISTY-RAIN

I'M LATE! I'M LATE! THAT PART-TIME JOB HAS KEPT ME TOO LATE.
ARGH~. WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE MY TURN TO MAKE DINNER SO SOON?
UM... MISTY-KUN... THIS IS...
ZOOM-
SNIFF
POOR SIMBA.. HE'S BEEN WAITING HERE FOR HOURS
THAT RABBIT HE'S DEFINITELY
HAH
WHAT'S GOING ON? IT'S SEVEN O'CLOCK ALREADY AND YOU HAVEN'T MADE DINNER YET! BUT, YOU SURE CAN PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS UNTIL LATE!
GIVE ME FOOD NOW!
GONNA BE LIKE THIS, I MEANT

WAIT ONE SECOND!
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP...
TAK TAK
HAH HAH SO BUSY BUSY
I NEVER THOUGHT THEY LOOKED ALIKE...
FINISHED! CURRY AND RICE!!
HMPH! AND IT TOOK HER AN HOUR TO MAKE THIS?
YUM YUM
I SHOULD EAT QUICKLY AND START STUDYING THE EXAMS WILL BEGIN IN JUST A FEW DAYS...
I SHOULDN'T LET SIRIUS DO BETTER THAN ME IN OUR EXAMS ESPECIALLY ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE

MISTY-RAIN! WHY IS THERE A LA[illegible] IN MY [illegible] ?!!
SCAM
WHAT? A BUTTON?
A BUTTON IS MISSING FROM HER PONCHO
I'M SORRY... I WAS REALLY RUSHED.
HAVE THIS COFFEE.
I'M SUSPICIOUS OF EVERYTHING THAT I'VE EATEN SO FAR.

BARE-
C N
U L E S
WHAT'S WITH THIS TASTE?
AH... I POURED SOY SAUCE INSTEAD OF COFFEE BY MISTAKE...
YOU LIAR!
KERPLASH!
YOU DID IT ON PURPOSE DIDN'T YOU?
NO, IT WAS REALLY A MISTAKE... SORRY I'LL COOK AGAIN, HANBIT
HELTER
SKELTER
FORGET IT! I CAN'T EAT ANYTHING YOU MAKE ANYMORE BECAUSE IT'S DIRTY AND SKETCHY! WHO KNOWS IF YOU'RE GONNA ADD A COCKROACH TO THE MEAL NEXT TIME?
I'M GONNA BRUSH MY TEETH AND ORDER CHINESE.
G N R
D E A T H
C A V E
P I E

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT ILLEGAL WEAPON?
I'M A WOMAN!
SO? ARE YOU SAYING THAT WOMEN ARE GREATER THAN MEN?
THEY... THEY ARE.
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! DO YOU?
SCHOPENHAUER SAID WOMEN DON'T HAVE RATIONALITY.
THEY GET TOO EASILY EXCITED AND ARE PURELY ANIMALISTIC! THAT'S WOMEN.

THAT'S NOT TRUE!
OH YEAH?
THEN GIVE ME PROOF THAT I'M WRONG.
IT'S NOT TRUE...IT'S DEFINITELY NOT TRUE. BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT. HOW CAN HE BE SO ELOQUENT? GOD HE MAKES ME MAD!
GUK
SEE? EVEN YOUR ACTIONS SUPPORT MY ARGUMENT.
YOU WANT MORE EVIDENCE? YOU LIKE HAVING ICE-CREAM AFTER DINNER, RIGHT? A SCOOP OF SUGARY SWEET ICE-CREAM.
BUT...I DRINK COFFEE A CUP OF BLACK COFFEE WITHOUT ANY SUGAR.
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
IT SHOWS THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IN OUTLOOK ON LIFE BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, LIFE ISN'T SWEET LIKE ICE-CREAM.
HATRED
IT STINGS, IT HURTS, AND IT'S PAINFUL...
DEATH
SACRIFICE
DISEASE
SADNESS
ALL SORTS OF MISERY
YOU, AS A WOMAN, DON'T KNOW THAT SO YOU JUST KEEP ON LICKING YOUR ICE-CREAM, GETTING ALL HAPPY...
BUT I, A MAN, DRINK BITTER COFFEE AS IF TASTING THE BITTERNESS OF LIFE.
NOW THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN, GET IT?
100% MALE CHAUVINIST
HE... HE'S A REALLY HATEFUL KID.

HANBIT!
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, JUST SAY IT. DON'T SCREAM LIKE A BARBARIAN.
?
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
TRY READING THIS.
WHAT THE..? I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS TYPE OF WRITING BEFORE IN MY LIFE.
OR IS THIS SOME SORT OF A CODE
YOU CAN'T READ IT, CAN YOU?
.....
CAN'T EVEN READ THIS, HMPH!
WHAT LANGUAGE IS THAT?

DOKEBI LAND'S.
WHAT ? DO, KE ?
WHAT DID I JUST SAY?
I CAN'T BELIEVE I THOUGHT I COULD CARRY OUT A DEBATE WITH A WEIRDO LIKE HER.
HA HA HA
AT LEAST SAY SOMETHING THAT MAKES SENSE. DOKEBI LAND? WHO'S GONNA BELIEVE THAT? IF WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE, I'D BE WILLING TO BELIEVE THAT WATER CAN JUST FALL ON MY HEAD AT ANYTIME.
SPLASH
SIRIUS, IS IT ALL RIGHT TO USE MAGIC JUST LIKE THAT?
YOU KNOW IT'S BAD FOR YOU.
A SMALL ACT OF MAGIC LIKE THIS IS FINE. THAT KID NEEDS TO BE PUNISHED ANYWAY.

IT SEEMS LIKE MISTY-RAIN IS ALWAYS COMING HOME PRETTY LATE THESE DAYS. YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHO CARES?
SEE IF YOU CAN FIND OUT. YOU GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS PAY A LITTLE ATTENTION TO HER.
THE EXAMS ARE COMING UP WHO HAS TIME TO PAY ATTENTION TO THINGS LIKE THAT?
I'M BUSY STUDYING FOR THE FINALS RIGHT NOW
HANBIT, YOU'RE REALLY CRUEL. HOW CAN YOU LEAD A NORMAL LIFE IN SOCIETY WITH AN ATTITUDE LIKE THAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, IRO? IN MODERN SOCIETY, A PERSON WITH MY DISPOSITION SUCCEEDS
1. REALITY BASED WAY OF THINKING 2. THOROUGH SELF-CENTEREDNESS, 3. DOGGED COMPETITIVENESS. THESE ARE WHAT ALL THE SUCCESSFUL VIPS HAVE IN COMMON.
IS HE REALLY MY BROTHER?
SIRIUS, SANGHO HA... YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE.
I'LL MAKE SURE TO DEFEAT YOU BOTH!!

HAR
HAR
HAR
HAR
HAR
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT HE'S THINKING
CHIRP
CHIRP

MISTY-RAIN, YOU LOOK TIRED
ACTUALLY, I THINK MY GUMS ARE A BIT SWOLLEN
YOU SHOULD GET PLENTY OF VITAMINS THEN...
To You, 순정의 Story
Na Na
WHEW~ MY GUMS ARE SWOLLEN AND I HAVE A FEVER... IS IT FOOD POISONING?
MISTY RAIN AREN'T THOSE LEFTOVERS FROM A FEW DAYS AGO?
IT'S A WASTE TO THROW THEM AWAY I'M GOING TO EAT 'EM ALL
SYMPTOMS OF SWOLLEN GUMS AND A FEVER...
SHFF
SWISH
MEDI
MEDICAL ENC

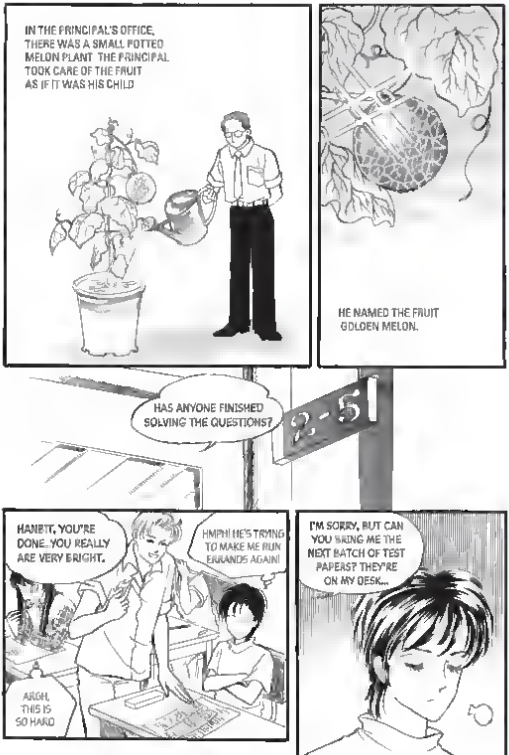
A TYPE OF CANCER THAT KILLS WITHIN A YEAR OF ITS DEVELOPMENT. AS THE DAYS PROGRESS, THE PATIENT DEVELOPS TOOTHACHES... MUSCLE PAINS, HEADACHES, BACKACHES, UNTIL EACH PART OF THE BODY IS RIDDLED WITH PAIN...
KRKAOOM
AND IN THE TERMINAL STAGE OF THE DISEASE THE PATIENT LOSES ALL HIS/HER HAIR AND TEETH. BECOMING A LEPER.
HMM... THIS IS INDEED A VERY TERRIBLE DISEASE. ONCE YOU GET IT, YOU'RE SURE TO DIE...
SNAP
AH, I FEEL REFRESHED AFTER TAKING A SHOWER.
CLANG
MISTY-RAIN, CAN I GET A CUP OF COFF...?

WRITTEN WILL
FINAL WORDS
HUH?...MISTY-RAIN, WHAT'S WRONG?
LAST LETTER
RATHER THAN TO DIE A LEPER...
SOB
MISTY RAIN, STOP CRYING AND TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON
HANFIT... SOB .. AND SO...
...YEAH OKAY... OKAY...

HANBIT
YOU JERK!
COME DOWNSTAIRS
RIGHT NOW!

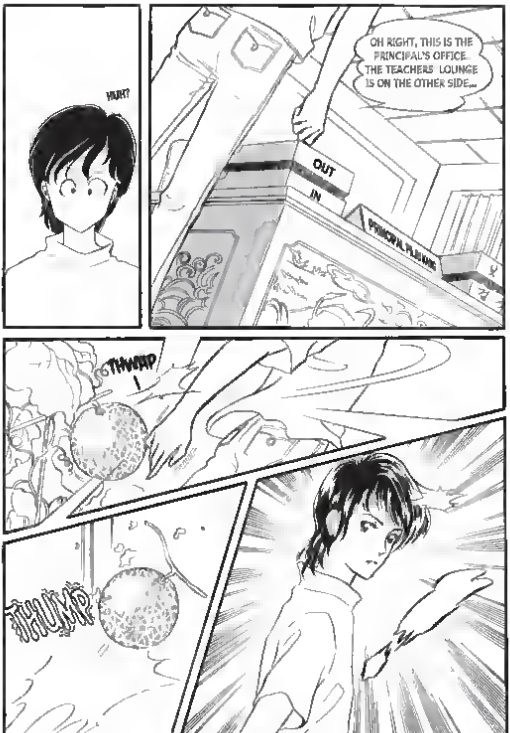
PART 3. THE SONG BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

CHAPTER 2 MISTY-RAIN GET'S PRICKED BY THORNPRICKER


IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE, THERE WAS A SMALL POTTED MELON PLANT. THE PRINCIPAL TOOK CARE OF THE FRUIT AS IF IT WAS HIS CHILD.
HE NAMED THE FRUIT GOLDEN MELON.
HAS ANYONE FINISHED SOLVING THE QUESTIONS?
2-5
HANEIT, YOU'RE DONE...YOU REALLY ARE VERY BRIGHT.
HMPH! HE'S TRYING TO MAKE ME RUN ERRANDS AGAIN!
ARGH, THIS IS SO HARD
I'M SORRY, BUT CAN YOU BRING ME THE NEXT BATCH OF TEST PAPERS? THEY'RE ON MY DESK...

HANBIT IS SO LUCKY
HE'S GOOD AT SCHOOLWORK SO THE TEACHERS LOVE HIM.

HE'S SO LAZY FOR A YOUNG GUY. MAKING THE KIDS DO ALL THE WORK... IS THAT THE KIND OF EXAMPLE A TEACHER SHOULD SET?
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE


HUH?
OH RIGHT, THIS IS THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE...
OUT
IN
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
THWAP
THWAP

YIKES! THIS
THIS MELON IS...
THE PRINCIPAL'S
GOLDEN MELON!!
TH THIS IS
TERRIBLE!

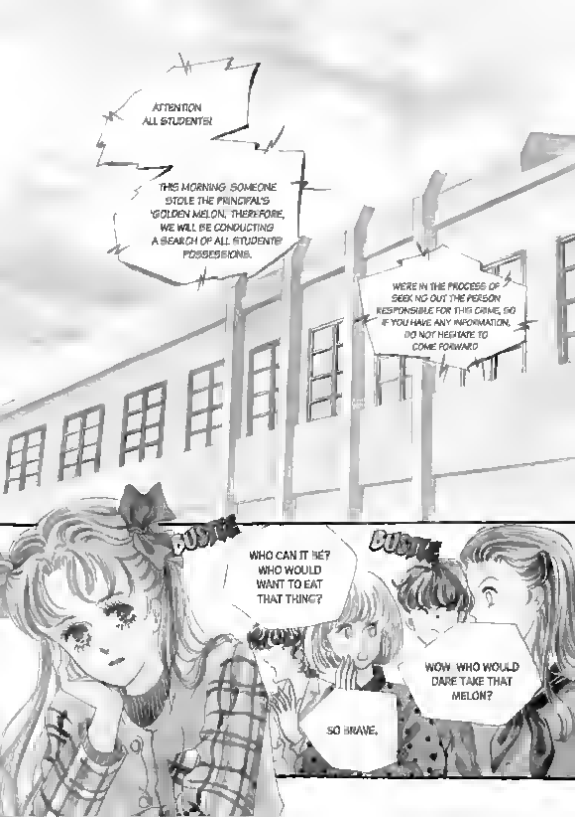
WAIT
I MUST BE CALM
IN A SITUATION
LIKE THIS

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
I MUST LEAVE
NO EVIDENCE!

SHOULD I THROW IT OUT IN THE BATHROOM? NO THE BATHROOM LIES ACROSS THE FIELD SO OTHER KIDS MIGHT SEE ME.
SUBURBAN ART SUPPLY
HIDE IT UNDER MY SHIRT? BUT I CAN'T TELL PEOPLE THAT I'M PREGNANT BECAUSE I'M A GUY!
1
AAHH!
SHOULD I EAT IT THEN?
NO IT'S DEFINITELY GONNA GIVE ME A STOMACHACHE
WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT CAN I DO?
THIS WAY
THAT WAY
YES! THAT'S IT!

WHEW
YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE GONNA HELP FERTILIZE THE GROWTH OF OTHER PLANTS, RIGHT? REST IN PEACE, MELON.
TAP
TAP
THANK YOU HANBIT.
THANK YOU? HE'S THE ONE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HUGE CRIME THAT WAS COMMITTED A FEW MINUTES AGO?
HANBIT
WITH THE EXAMS ONLY TWO DAYS AWAY, THE STUDENTS ARE BEHAVING QUITE DIFFERENTLY IN CLASS.
AREN'T THEY? THEY'RE KIDS, INDEED.
IT WOULD BE SO NICE TO SEE THEM LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME.

AH?
M..MELON..
MY MELON
WAKE UP MR. PRINCIPAL!


ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!
THIS MORNING, SOMEONE STOLE THE PRINCIPAL'S 'GOLDEN MELON.' THEREFORE, WE WILL BE CONDUCTING A SEARCH OF ALL STUDENTS' POSSESSIONS.
WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF SEEKING OUT THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIME. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, DO NOT HESITATE TO COME FORWARD.
BUSTLE
WHO CAN IT BE? WHO WOULD WANT TO EAT THAT THING?
SO BRAVE.
BUSTLE
WOW. WHO WOULD DARE TAKE THAT MELON?

INFIRMARY
THE GOLDEN MELON. THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE. I WAS ABLE TO COME TO WORK EVERYDAY BECAUSE I WAS FUELED BY THE JOYS OF WATCHING IT GROW. WHO COULD HAVE TAKEN MY MELON
WHO?!
WHO?!
THE GOLDEN MELON. HUH?

EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY
YES, THAT'S IT!
WE WON'T LET ANYONE GO HOME IF WE DON'T FIND THE MELON BY THE END OF THE DAY
HOW CAN BRAZENLY STEALING THE PROPERTY OF THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE BE ALLOWED IN THIS SACRED PLACE OF LEARNING?
NOT ONLY STUDENTS, BUT ALSO TEACHERS, SHOULD USE THIS INCIDENT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK BACK ON THEMSELVES
WHAT'S A MELON?
IT'S A TYPE OF FRUIT, MISTY-RAIN.

IS IT GOOD?
SO-SO.
MELON RIND?
I'D LIKE TO TASTE WHAT KIND OF FRUIT IT IS
WHAT'S THIS?
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
SNAP
OUCH-!

SWISH!
HUH?
SWISH!
IS THAT THING TRYING TO TEASE ME?
REALLY, ALL THIS TROUBLE FOR THAT LOUSY MELON...
ALL THE CLASSES ARE ON HOLD, TOO.
I HAVE ALL MY STUDENTS STUDYING ON THEIR OWN
MELON
THE MISSING MELON RELIEF COMMITTEE
WE SHOULD REMOVE THE PRICE TAGS FROM THE ONES WE BOUGHT FROM THE DEPARTMENT STORE.

IS THIS THE MELON YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, SIR?
CHULJUNE YOON FROM CLASSROOM 1 CONFESSED TO THE...
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
NO~
IT'S NOT THIS FAT MELON, AND IT'S NOT THIS UGLY MELON EITHER
THE MELON I'M LOOKING FOR IS A BIT MORE ROUND IN SHAPE...
THAT ONE'S ROUND, TOO.
WITH A LIGHT GREEN AND GOLD COLOR.
IF THAT'S NOT SAINT BERNARD I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS
STOP~!
I'M GONNA EAT YA FOR JUNE!
MY SWEET SCENTED, ADORABLE MELON IS...
WHOOSH

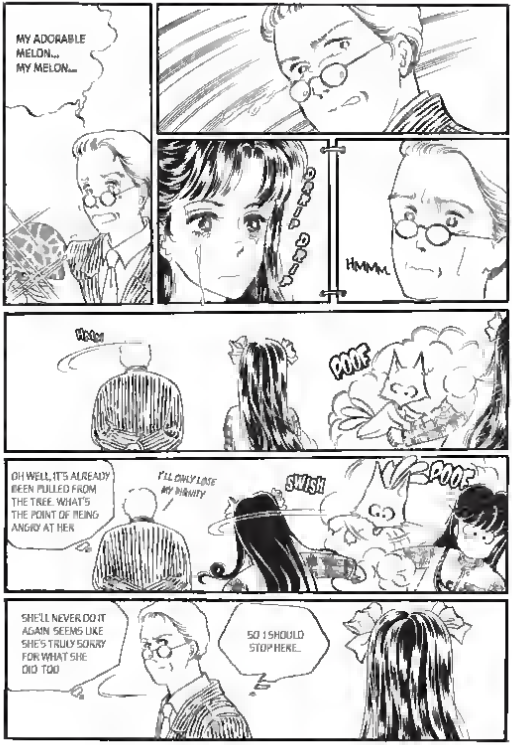
PLUNK
THE ONE THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE... THAT...
GOTCHA, YOU BAD LITTLE THING
NO!

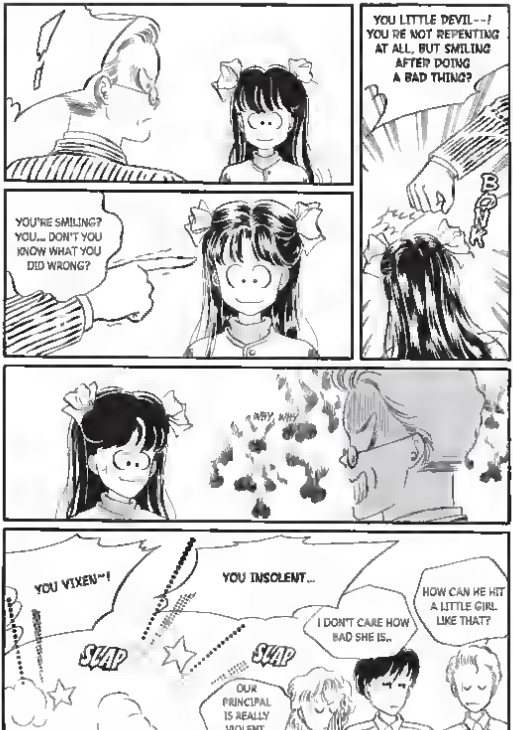
HAVE YOU GUYS HEARD? MISTY-RAIN IS THE CULPRIT! SHE'S THE ONE THAT STOLE THE MELON FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
I FEEL BAD FOR HER. THE PRINCIPAL CAN BE REALLY NASTY.
MISTY-RAIN?
TELL ME ABOUT IT. I HEARD SOMEONE WANTED TO PICK THE FRUIT FROM THE QUINCE TREE ONE TIME AND GUESS WHAT? THE PRINCIPAL TOOK EVERY QUINCE FRUIT THERE WAS

I CAN TOTALLY SEE MISTY-RAIN DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT. HOW CAN SHE DO SUCH A THING? I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH SHE WANTED TO EAT THAT MELON...
POOR MISTY-RAIN SHE'S DONE NOTHING WRONG
THIS IS TERRIBLE. SHE'LL BE CANED TO NO END... THEY'LL MAKE HER CLEAN THE BATHROOM AND... STAND ON HER HEAD ETC., ETC...
NO— I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE.. I NEED TO RUSH AND HELP MISTY-RAIN
KAFWANGG
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
NO, NO WAY HE'LL CANE MISTY-RAIN WITH THAT STICK!

I SHALL BE HER WHIPPING BOY!
WAIT A MOMENT, SIRIUS!
MISTY-RAIN~~!
LET'S THINK OF A MORE RATIONAL METHOD THAN THAT.
YOU SHOULD BE FAITHFUL AT ALL TIMES
FIRST...
WE'LL DRAW A PAPER DOLL OF MISTY-RAIN...
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
AND THEN CUT IT OUT WITH A PAIR OF SCISSORS...
AND MAKE IT MOVE THROUGH MAGIC. SO THE DOLL WILL BE THE ONE PUNISHED INSTEAD OF MISTY-RAIN.
POOF
MY MAGICAL POWERS ONLY LAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE. SO YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP ON RECITING THE SPELL.

MAGIC...
NO! NOT NOW
I HAVE NO STRENGTH LEFT TO USE MAGIC.
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ANTIBIOTICS WILL...
BUT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS
MY NAME IS MISTY-RAIN. NICE TO MEET YOU
LOOLOO~ LALA~
IT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE MISTY-RAIN!
DID YOU REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT THAT MELON WAS TO ME?
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
I HAVE A PICTURE OF MISTY-RAIN.
IT'S ONLY THE UPPER HALF OF HER BODY, BUT WE CAN SCRIBBLE IN THE REST...
THAT MELON WAS PRICELESS! YOU CAN'T EVEN BUY IT WITH A MILLION DOLLARS!
WHY DID YOU DO SUCH AN APPALLING THING!

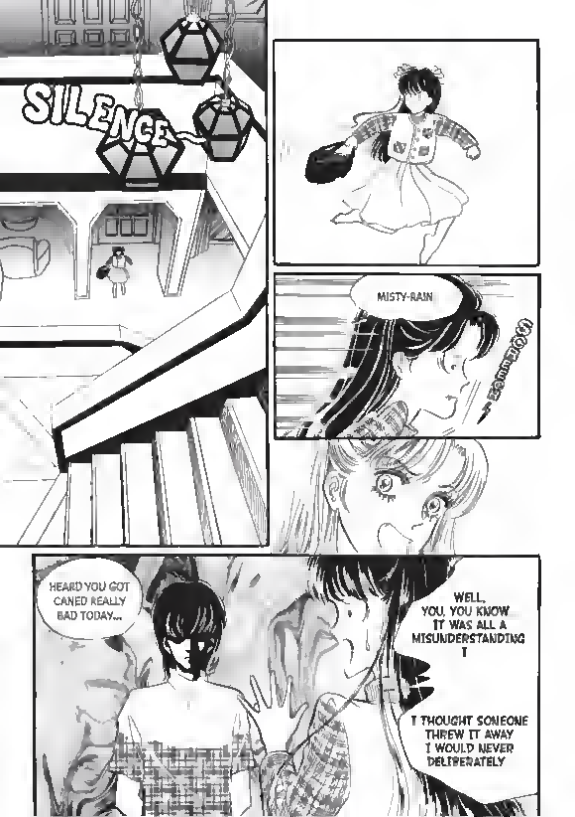

MY ADORABLE MELON... MY MELON...
SOBBB
HMMM
Wahh!
POOF
OH WELL, IT'S ALREADY BEEN PULLED FROM THE TREE. WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING ANGRY AT HER
I'LL ONLY LOSE MY DIGNITY
SWISH
POOF
SHE'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN. SEEMS LIKE SHE'S TRULY SORRY FOR WHAT SHE DID TOO
SO I SHOULD STOP HERE...


YOU LITTLE DEVIL--! YOU'RE NOT REPENTING AT ALL, BUT SMILING AFTER DOING A BAD THING?
BOINK
YOU'RE SMILING? YOU... DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DID WRONG?
WHY, WHY
YOU VIXEN--!
YOU INSOLENT...
SMAP
SMAP
I DON'T CARE HOW BAD SHE IS..
HOW CAN HE HIT A LITTLE GIRL LIKE THAT?
OUR PRINCIPAL IS REALLY VIOLENT.

WHY THIS BADLY BEHAVED...
HAH
HAH
WHAT'S THIS?
BAP
OH... PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
I NEVER... MEANT TO...
AH... NOW.. I'LL BE KNOWN AS THE MURDEROUS PRINCIPAL...

ACK! THE TAPE FELL OFF OUR PLAN MIGHT BE EXPOSED
GOT TO REATTACH IT
POOF
LIES...
THAT'S RIGHT. I MUST BE JUST DREAMING RIGHT NOW.
I'LL PRETEND THAT NOTHING EVER HAPPENED. THE GOLDEN MELON INCIDENT, THE FALLEN LEG...
IF YOU'VE GOTTEN YOUR LEG BACK, PLEASE LEAVE. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT STRANGE FACE OF YOURS IN HERE EVER AGAIN...
STAGGER
HURRY UP LET'S GO

SIGH
WHAT?
YOU STILL THINK I'M INSANE? I'VE LIVED UNDER THE SAME ROOF WITH SOMEONE AS EVIL AS YOU!
GET OUT!
GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE!
KANJI'S GOT SUCH A NASTY TEMPER AND HE'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BLOW UP ON ME FOR THIS. WHAT CAN I DO?
I GUESS I SHOULD GO INSIDE ANYHOW
CLICK


SILENCE~
MISTY-RAIN
HEARD YOU GOT CANED REALLY BAD TODAY...
WELL, YOU, YOU KNOW IT WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING I
I THOUGHT SOMEONE THREW IT AWAY I WOULD NEVER DELIBERATELY

HERE, MISTY-RAIN, YOU WANNA EAT THIS?
I BET NOBODY KNOWS THAT I'M THE CULPRIT I'M SORRY MISTY-RAIN
IT'S.. IT'S A MELON!
GUILT..
?

YOU CAN'T EVEN BUY IT WITH A MILLION DOLLARS!
I DIDN'T REALIZE HANBIT WAS SUCH AN IDIOT GIVING ME SUCH AN EXPENSIVE MELON FOR FREE...
HMPH! IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY~.
IT'S YUMMY. I WISH SOMETHING LIKE THIS CAN HAPPEN EVERYDAY.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I HAVE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY AND THE PERFECT METHOD. WHILE THE PRINCE IS AROUND, NOTHING WORKS.
BEEP
BEEP
HUH? SOMEONE PAGED ME FROM THE DEMON WORLD...
IT'S THE NANNY

THORNPRICKER! DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHY YOU'RE IN THE HUMAN WORLD?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING THE PRINCE BACK AT ONCE
I'M SORRY. GIVE ME SOME MORE TIME...
AND PLEASE DON'T EASE UP ON THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT...
IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS ALREADY. MAKE SURE YOU ACCOMPLISH YOUR MISSION BEFORE THE MONTH IS OVER.
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT I CAN'T DRAG THIS ON ANYMORE. I SHOULD GET DOWN TO BUSINESS RIGHT AWAY

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MY NAME IS ROSE BUSH.
NICE TO MEET YOU ALL.
WHOA, SHE'S PRETTY.
WE HAVE A NEW KID AGAIN? IN OUR CLASSROOM?
NOW THERE'S *THREE* DROP DEAD GORGEOUS PEOPLE IN OUR CLASS.
THORNPRICKER
SHE'S IN DISGUISE BUT I'M CERTAIN THAT'S THORNPRICKER.

I'M ROSE BUSH. LET'S BECOME GOOD FRIENDS, MISTY RAIN.
WHY DID SHE COME TO THE HUMAN WORLD?
IS SHE THE ONE BEHIND ALL THE STRANGE VIBES HERE UP UNTIL NOW?
LUNCH TIME
2-5
THAT'S A WEIRD NAME.
AND HOW DID SHE KNOW MY NAME?
SHE'S STRANGER THAN SLIPPERS
TO CELEBRATE OUR NEW FRIENDSHIP, I'LL TREAT YOU TO LUNCH MISTY RAIN. HOWEVER, WE HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES.
BAKERY
THE CREAM-FILLED ROLL'S SO GOOD
YUM YUM.
OH NO~, I FORGOT TO BRING MONEY.

OHHOHO... WHAT CAN I DO?
LET'S GO BEFORE CLASS STARTS.
HRM? WHAT'S THAT?
WHY ARE THEY STANDING IN LINE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATE LIKE THAT?
YIKES--! THIS IS TERRIBLE WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO OUTSIDE DURING LUNCH! AND AND--
EAAGH~ HE'S CHECKING TO SEE IF WE'RE WEARING OUR SCHOOL SLIPPERS!
OH, REALLY?

YOU! STAND OVER THERE.
NEXT!
WHAT TO DO? WHAT TO DO?
I HAVE A GOOD IDEA. I'LL DRAW PATTERNS ON MY SLIPPERS AND SAY THEY'RE SNEAKERS
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
PASS~.
HEY, HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THOSE BREAD CRUMBS AROUND YOUR MOUTH? YOU'VE BEEN SNACKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL~?
AND~ DEAR GOD~! YOU'RE WEARING YOUR INDOOR SLIPPERS...
GGR

OH HO HO HO
OH, WHATEVER!
WHUMP
CATCH THAT GIRL--!
ZOOM
I CAN LET THE OTHERS GO, BUT NOT THAT ONE...
WHO'S THAT BRAVE KID?
WOW--, AND THE STUDENT MONITOR IS NOTORIOUS FOR BEING SCARY.
LET'S TAKE THIS CHANCE AND RUN.

SLAM
THIS IS THE ROOF OH NO I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BEING CHASED YOU WANT ME TO HIDE YOU?
WHO, WHO?
Hi
HUFF HUFF
WHERE IS THIS PUNK? I SAW HER GO UPSTAIRS...
AH, SANGHO! DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE A RUNAWAY GIRL?
SHE WENT BACK DOWNSTAIRS, TEACHER.

SEARCH
SEARCH
BUT THE TEACHER WAS SO FURIOUS THAT HE SAT DOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS AND WAITED
IT MIGHT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO GO DOWN FOR A WHILE.
HERE, WHY DON'T WE HAVE A SMOKE AND WAIT UNTIL THE SUN GOES DOWN?
A...A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT SMOKING CIGARETTES? YOU'RE A BAD INFLUENCE!!

HEY, WE'RE BOTH BAD APPLES
SOMETIMES, BEING CLOSE TO THE OPEN SKY LIKE THIS CAN BE A GOOD LESSON IN ITSELF.
HE'S A WEIRDO

THAT'S STRANGE. DID MISTY-RAIN GET SICK FROM LUNCH? SHE'S NOT IN CLASS THIS AFTERNOON...
LET'S LOOK FOR HER, SIRIUS.
OH HO HO

R-RING
MISTY-RAIN!
MISTY-RAIN!
SNACK SHOP
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S A SECRET PASSAGEWAY FROM THE ROOF TO THE SNACK SHOP! I'M SURPRISED.

HEHEHE! FINDING MY WAY THROUGH MAZES IS MY HOBBY, YOU SEE?
YOU SAID YOUR NAME IS MISTY, RIGHT?
YES.
BUT, I LIKE TO BE CALLED MISTY RAIN INSTEAD OF JUST MISTY
MISTY-RAIN. THAT'S A CUTE NAME
ISN'T IT? ISN'T IT?
YOUR FATHER MUST HAVE PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO YOUR NAME.
MY FATHER
.....?
WHAT'S WRONG? IF YOU RE HUNGRY, I CAN BUY YOU RAMEN.
MEM MEM

I HAVE A PART-TIME JOB... WHEN I GET MY PAYCHECK, I'LL TREAT YOU TO SOMETHING NICE.
THERE SHE IS.
HOW COULD—! SHE'S HAVING RAMEN WITH ANOTHER MAN.
OH, MONGRYONG! SIRIUS!
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU, MISTY RAIN.
HUH? ISN'T HE
...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

OH. HE LEFT. HE SEEMED LIKE A REALLY NICE PERSON.
SOB
N NO MISTY-RAIN WON'T CHEATING IS SHE!
WHAT'S THIS UNEASY FEELING I HAVE THAT I NEVER FELT TOWARDS HANBIT?
OH, THERE HE GOES!
IT'S CALLED JEALOUSY.
WHO ARE YOU LOOKING AT WHEN I'M STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU?
DON'T MAKE ME WAIT TOO LONG... DON'T THINK THAT I'LL BE SMILING...
OOPS IT'S AN OLD SONG
AFTER SCHOOL
SWISH!
MISTY-RAIN!
HMPH!

WHEN YOU MAKE PUMPKIN* SOUP, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S CALLED?
.....
IT'S CALLED A TRAGEDY OF KILLING YOUR OWN KIND.
MISTY-RAIN WHEN SOMEBODY TAKES A PICTURE OF YOU STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF A PUMPKIN PATCH, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S CALLED?
.....
A FAMILY PORTRAIT.
ROSE BUSH, I JUST GOT A PHONE CALL FROM THE STEEL MILL. THEY WERE LOOKING FOR YOU...
MISTY RAIN WHEN YOU'RE HOLDING ON TO A STICK, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S CALLED?
SO THEY CAN MAKE YOU ANOTHER IRON MASK!
PUMPKIN ON A STICK!!
ROSE BUSH THERE WAS A PHONE CALL FOR YOU FROM THE MIRROR STORE THEY WANT YOU TO PLEASE TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOURSELF!
OH ROSE BUSH! YOUR HAIR IS SO SHINY! THEY RE LIKE STRANDS OF WIRE
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
WHAT'S GOING ON?
MISTY RAIN THAT PUMPKIN OVER THERE...ISN T THAT YOUR LITTLE SISTER? OH TWIN PUMPKINS!
GOSH~, IT'S SO LOUD.
WHO THE HELL ARE THEY?

*IN KOREA, PUMPKIN IS A DEROGATORY TERM USED TO UNSULT PEOPLE WHO ARE CONSIDERED UGLY

HOONOO.. GOSH~ I FEEL SO GOOD
HOP
P...PRINCE?
D DID HE SEE EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED JUST NOW?
HE...HELLO...

THORNFRICKER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE HUMAN WORLD?
I'M ON VACATION...
FINE.
IT'S PROBABLY NONE OF MY BUSINESS.
BUT...
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GET AWAY WITH HARASSING MISTY RAIN.
MISTY RAIN'S SERVANT!
YOU... WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

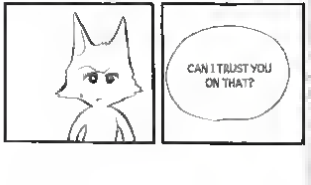
WHAT? AM I WRONG?
OF COURSE, YOU ARE!
I AM THE PRINCE OF THE GREAT UNICORN KINGDOM!!
THEN, HOW COME THAT PRINCE OF THE UNICORN KINGDOM IS LIVING IN THE LOWLY HUMAN WORLD?
THAT'S BECAUSE...
THERE ARE ONE OR TWO SECRETS A MAN CANNOT REVEAL TO OTHERS
IF YOU'RE A MAN, ACT LIKE ONE AND STOP CHASING A GIRL WHO DOESN'T EVEN LIKE YOU!
DON'T YOU HAVE A SENSE OF PRIDE, YOUR HIGHNESS? WHAT KIND OF PRINCE ARE YOU?

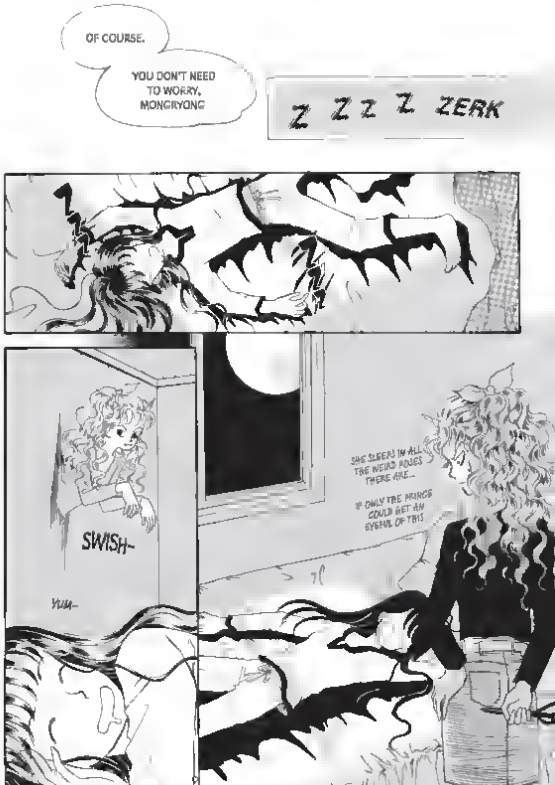
I HAVE FREE WILL.
NO MATTER WHAT ANYBODY SAYS, I'M GOING TO BE WITH MISTY RAIN
FINE. AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH MISTY RAIN, I'M GOING TO TORMENT HER.
WHY--? WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
I HAVE FREE WILL, TOO.
OH-- MISTY-RAIN, WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
DON'T WORRY, MISTY RAIN. I'LL MAKE SURE SHE NEVER HURTS YOU ANYMORE.
HMPH
I WAS MISTY RAIN YOU BOYS
I DON'T THINK SO. AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH HER, PRINCE SIRIUS, MISTY-RAIN IS MY TARGET.

BAM!
OW!
I SHOULD MOVE TO ANOTHER SCHOOL OR SOMETHING
GRR-
GRR-
I CAN'T EVEN SEE HOW FAR THEY WENT-
THEY'RE ANNOYING THE HELL OUT OF ME
WOW~ MISTY RAIN, YOU'VE GOT A REAL POWERFUL KICK.
OW...I M SO DIZZY~
SEE, PRINCE SIRIUS? NOT EVEN A DINOSAUR CAN CRUSH HER.
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
THOSE WHO PRETEND TO BE STRONG ON THE OUTSIDE, ARE ACTUALLY VERY TENDER AND WEAK ON THE INSIDE
ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO PROTECT MISTY RAIN.
SO, DON'T MAKE ME HATE YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS MISTY RAIN.
IDIOT...I HATE YOU SO MUCH... ALL YOU THINK ABOUT IS MISTY RAIN!!

GEEZ... THORNPRICKER IS HERE. SHE'S GOING TO HARASS MISTY RAIN FOR SURE. SHOULD I SEND HER BACK WITH MY MAGICAL POWERS?
WHAT?!
I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO PULL OFF THAT MUCH.

ARE YOU CRAZY? THAT'S GOING TO DESTROY YOU!
AS LONG AS I'M IN THE HUMAN WORLD I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST TO PROTECT MISTY-RAIN.
I STILL HAVE THE TWO BOTTLES OF MEDICINE THAT THE SEA WITCH GAVE ME, SO MY PHYSICAL AND MAGICAL STRENGTH WILL BE ABLE RECOVER VERY SOON.
WAKE UP! WAKE UP, PAL!


CAN I TRUST YOU ON THAT?


OF COURSE.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY, MONGRYONG
Z ZZ Z ZERK
SWISH-
YUM-
SHE SLEEPS IN ALL THE WEIRD POSES THERE ARE...
IF ONLY THE PRINCE COULD GET AN EYEFUL OF THIS

MISTY-RAIN'S SHAMPOO
TUG
SNIP
SNIP
GRIN
TIP TOE
NOW, WE'LL JUST DIP IT IN THE MAGIC WATER I PREPARED AND TAKE IT OUT FOR A TEST DRIVE
METEO
6

TAP
OH, SORRY.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A PERSON YOU WERE SO BLUE IT'S HALL...
IDIOT-!
CHEWWA CHEWWA
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY?!
SMACK

IT SURE HAS A NASTY TEMPER. ARE YOU SURE THAT'S MISTY RAIN'S SHADOW?
WOBBLE
OH NO, WHAT'S GOING ON?
SHE GOT WRINKLED WHEN I BROUGHT HER HERE, THAT'S WHY
SPLASH
WE'LL IRON HER OUT.
THE PLAN IS A SUCCESS, AT LEAST FOR NOW.
MY SPELL IS WORKING WELL.

BO-ZU
NOW, YOU'LL GO TO YOUR MASTER AND CAUSE ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE.
JUST DO WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO.
DON'T WORRY, THORNPRICKER. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW SICK AND TIRED I AM OF BEING STUCK TO HER ALL THE TIME. THANK YOU FOR RESCUING ME.
BWA HA HA HA.
THAT'S LIKE THE DEVIL'S LAUGHTER! ARE YOU SURE IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY?
IT'S JUST A SHADOW RETURNING TO HER SELF.

JUST LOOKING AT YOU STIFLES ME, BENJAMIN TREE...
SNIP
HOOHOOHOO.
SNIP
SNIP
I'LL GIVE YOU A NEW LOOK.
ALL THAT MOVING AROUND SURE MADE ME HUNGRY.
I'M GOING TO EAT THE THINGS I'VE ALWAYS WANTED.

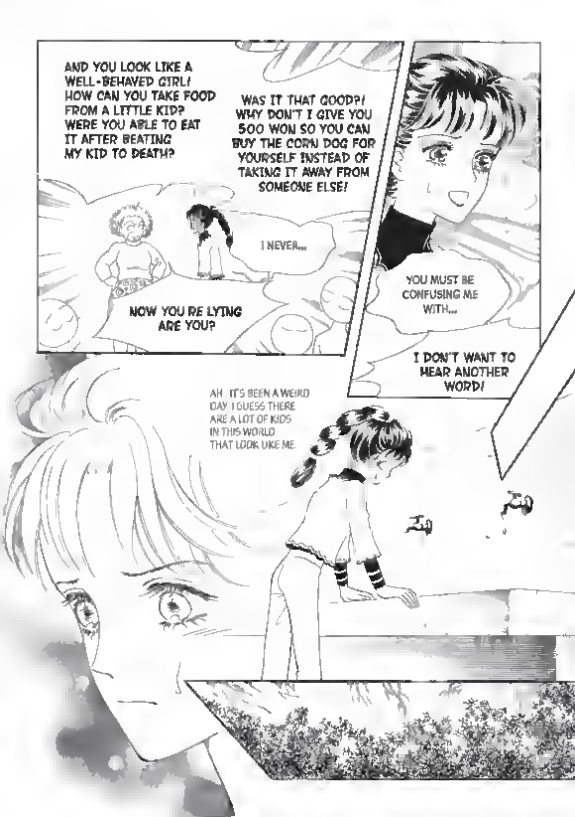
IS THIS SOME SORT OF AN APPLE THAT YOU EAT ONLY THE SKIN AND THROW AWAY THE INSIDE?
EEK
EMPTY...
NEXT MORNING
AHHGH!

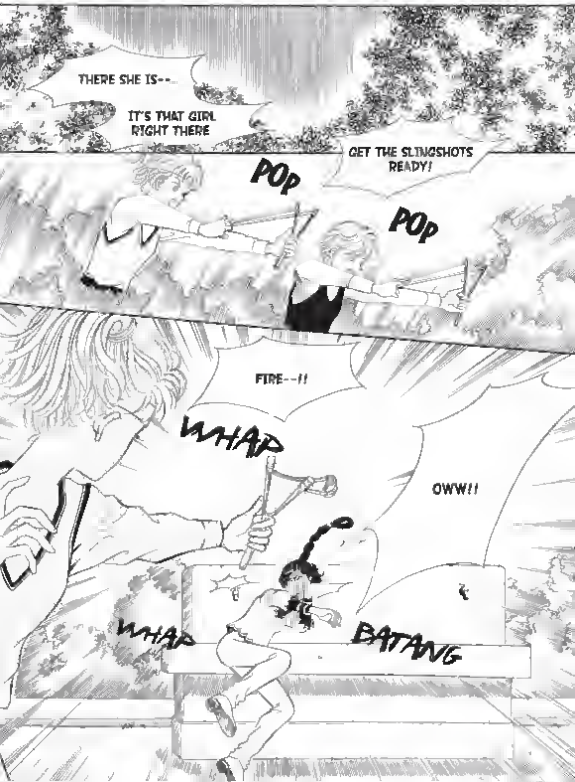
WHO ELSE COULD IT BE?! THE SCISSORS WERE FOUND IN YOUR ROOM- THAT'S THE EVIDENCE!
IT REALLY WASN'T ME!
THIS TIME YOU WENT A LITTLE TOO FAR, MUTSUHIRA!
OF COURSE IT WAS YOU. IT'S OBVIOUS!
AND THIS DIRTY KITCHEN! WHO ELSE IN THIS HOUSEHOLD CAN DO SUCH A THING?
OH! HA HAHAH!
COMPLETELY EMPTY FRIDGE
SURELY

HANBIT, PLEASE TRUST ME.
WHILE MISTY RAIN WAS PROCLAIMING HER INNOCENCE TO HANBIT
SCRATCH
MOVE IT!
AIEE!
BOOM
SHUT UP! YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANYTHING TO EAT FROM NOW ON!
HEHE— TIME FOR ME TO SNEAK OUT—
PSSST
MISTY RAIN CAUSED ALL SORTS OF COMMOTION AROUND THE SCHOOLS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
WAHHHH
SWISH—
LITTLE PUNK, I HAD TO HIT YOU TO MAKE MYSELF UNDERSTOOD.
THE GIRL DIDN'T SHE SWITCHED FROM RIN
TUCK

HA HA
HA
HA
ISN'T THAT THE CRYING MOM? THE PRINCIPAL'S AN EXCELLENT!!
THAT'S THE GIRL WHO TRIES TO EAT HIS MEDAL ON TREASURE
BABY! THE FLOWERS!
SHE'S GOT SOME NERVE!...
DON'T GO INTO THE GRASS
PSHH WHY STUDY? I'LL GROW OLD AND DIE JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I WASTE MY TIME DOING NOTHING, LIKE THIS

WHISPER WHISPER
STARE
BACKING
OH, HI GUYS.
OFF
EH, SEEMS LIKE PEOPLE ARE AVOIDING ME. IS IT JUST HOW I FEEL?
?
WHO'S THE KID THAT BEAT UP MY HAKSOO LIKE THIS?
WAHH~ MOMMY IT'S HER.


AND YOU LOOK LIKE A WELL-BEHAVED GIRL! HOW CAN YOU TAKE FOOD FROM A LITTLE KID? WERE YOU ABLE TO EAT IT AFTER BEATING MY KID TO DEATH?
WAS IT THAT GOOD?! WHY DON'T I GIVE YOU 500 WON SO YOU CAN BUY THE CORN DOG FOR YOURSELF INSTEAD OF TAKING IT AWAY FROM SOMEONE ELSE!
I NEVER...
NOW YOU'RE LYING ARE YOU?
YOU MUST BE CONFUSING ME WITH...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD!
AH IT'S BEEN A WEIRD DAY I GUESS THERE ARE A LOT OF KIDS IN THIS WORLD THAT LOOK LIKE ME

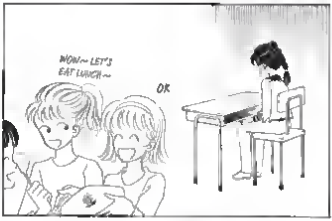

THERE SHE IS--
IT'S THAT GIRL RIGHT THERE
GET THE SLINGSHOTS READY!
POP
POP
FIRE--!!
WHAP
OWW!!
WHAP
BATANG

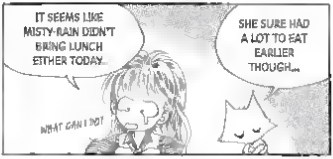
LET'S GO
WE TOOK OUR REVENGE.
HEY THIS IS THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR GIVING MY BOYFRIEND A NOSEBLEED LAST NIGHT
U
R
G
I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE CLASSROOM AND BE PROTECTED FROM ALL THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
2-5
MISTY-RAIN, WAS IT YOU?
DID YOU TEAR UP THE FLOWER THIS MORNING?
CAN'T UTTER A WORD BECAUSE SHE'S SO SHOCKED AND MORTIFIED

SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
DON'T LOOK SO DOWN, SIRIUS. MISTY-RAIN IS BEING PUNISHED FOR HER SINS.
I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW SHE PICKS FLOWERS AND FRUITS TO EAT THEM, BUT DESTROYING FLOWER BEDS AND BEING VIOLENT ISN'T LIKE MISTY-RAIN AT ALL. THAT'S... PROBABLY BECAUSE ALL THE STRESS SHE'S ACCUMULATED JUST BLEW UP.
INVISIBLE CLOAK
THAT'S NOT THE REACTION I WAS EXPECTING FROM YOU!
I HATE MYSELF FOR FAILING TO NOTICE ALL THE FRUSTRATION SHE'S BEEN GOING THROUGH...
.....
MISTY-RAIN, YOU RE WANTED AT THE PRINCIPAL S OFFICE
I PARDONED YOU FOR THE MELON INCIDENT LAST TIME, AND YOU DO THIS AGAIN...

LUNCH TIME

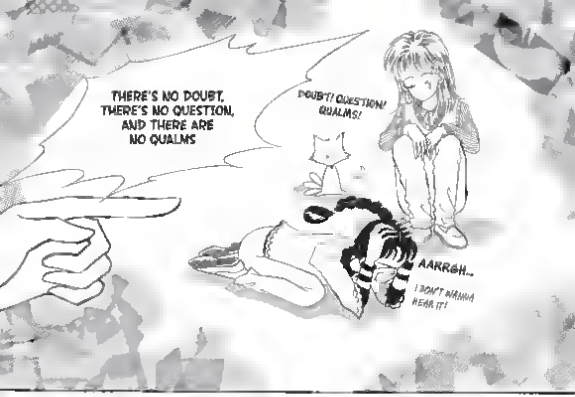
RINNNG

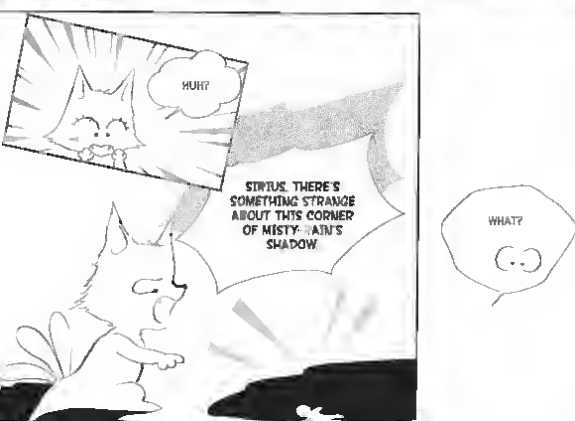




IS THIS HOW DEMOISSER PEOPLE FEEL?
WHAT IS SHE SAYING?
AARRGHH
SO MORTIFIED THAT SHE CAN'T TALK.
SHE SAYS IT'S NOT HER, SHE'S LIKE, "SOME NASTY JERK IS FRAMING ME."
MISTY-RAIN... I CAN UNDERSTAND ALL THE PAIN THAT DROVE YOU TO DO THESE THINGS.
BUT, PLEASE DON'T DENY WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
I DON'T LIKE THAT.
YES, YES... THAT'S IT...
NO!
IT'S NOT ME! I'M INNOCENT!

HAVEN'T SAY SOMETHING. BE MY WITNESS I WAS WITH YOU THIS MORNING! I HAD NO TIME TO DO ALL THESE TERRIBLE THINGS.
JUST LIKE THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD HAVE CHOPPED BENJAMIN TO PIECES IS YOU I'M SURE YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THESE CRIMES
BUT, YOU HAVEN'T ACTUALLY SEEN ME DO ANYTHING...
THERE'S AN OLD SAYING, "THOSE WHO BELIEVE WITHOUT SEEING SHALL BE BLESSED."
NOOOO~
WHAT DO YOU MEAN NO? THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!


THERE'S NO DOUBT, THERE'S NO QUESTION, AND THERE ARE NO QUALMS
DOUBT? QUESTION? QUALMS?
AARRGH...
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT!


HUH?
SIRIUS, THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS CORNER OF MISTY-KUN'S SHADOW.
WHAT?

COULD IT BE?
YES, THE PART WHERE THE SECOND MISTY RAIN WAS CUT OUT...
LOOK CAREFULLY... I MEAN RIGHT HERE.
SINCE THE SHADOW IS A SEPARATE ENTITY, EVEN A SMALL PART OF IT CAN TURN INTO A WHOLE.
RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT'S GOING AROUND CAUSING PROBLEMS LOOKING LIKE MISTY-RAIN
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S LIKE SOMEONE CUT IT OUT WITH SCISSORS.
.....
GIMME YOUR MONEY.
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T HAVE ANY.
YOU'RE REALLY STUBBORN, AREN'T YOU?
BOO HOO— SHE'S A MONSTER DISGUISED AS A GIRL.

I'M GONNA BEAT YOUR HEAD WITH MY FIST AND PLANT YOU IN THE GROUND.
ACKK-- DON'T KILL ME. I'LL GIVE YOU MONEY I'LL GIVE YOU MONEY.
THERE SHE IS, SIRIUS!
CHEAP BASTARD. ONLY 2,000 WON. I GUESS I CAN GO PLAY VIDEO GAMES WITH THIS.
LISANNE RUN AWAY
WHO ARE YOU?!
EEP! THERE'S ANOTHER ME!

YOU MONSTER! HOW DARE YOU RUN WILD LIKE THIS? YOU'RE ONLY A SHADOW!
c- THE SHADOW
DAMN IT. I'VE BEEN EXPOSED
YOU SHOULD JUST SHUT UP BEFORE I TURN YOU INTO DOG SOUP.
BAM
MONGRYONG, LEAVE HER TO ME
OH, YEAH?
HOW DARE YOU DISGRACE ME!

SO, YOU WANT TO FIGHT WITH ME?
BWA HAR HAR
THERE'S NO NEED TO TALK TO A MONSTER YOU!
SMACK
THINKING ABOUT WHAT I HAD TO GO THROUGH TODAY BECAUSE OF YOU MAKES ME TREMBLE!
SMACK
SMACK
MISTY RAIN CAN BE REALLY SCARY WHEN SHE'S ANGRY
TIP TOE
WAIT!!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

YOUR HIGHNESS, IT WAS JUST A JOKE.
A FROG CAN DIE FROM THE STONE THROWN AS "JUST A JOKE"!
ALL OF A SUDDEN BOILES ARE NEVERMIND
BOY, YOUR HIGHNESS, HOHOHO~ THIS SERIOUSNESS IS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME.
HAND IT TO ME.
I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE WITH YOU.
.....
FISH~
IF YOU SPRAY HER WITH THIS NEUTRALIZING AGENT, SHE'LL LOSE HER POWER.
SIRIUS, HURRY--!
THE TARUS HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO FLIES
BOOM BOOM BOOM
THE PHANTOM
REAL PUFFY-FAIR

ppzzzt~
ACKK!
DAMN IT, I COULD HAVE WON
MISTY RAIN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THIS?
TOSS IT INTO THE INCINERATOR!
PLEASE LET ME LIVE. ATTACH ME BACK TO THE SHADOW AND LET ME EXIST.
MISTY RAIN, WITHOUT ME YOUR SHADOW WILL BE DEFORMED FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

UHMM..
HMPH! IT'S FIGURING OUT A WAY TO LIVE IN IT'S OWN WAY
I DO WRONG...
ALTHOUGH SHE WANTED TO THROW IT INTO THE INCINERATOR, MISTY RAIN WAS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO COULDN'T STAND HER OWN SHADOW BECOMING DEFORMED
I'LL PRETEND THAT I HAD A BAD DREAM AND FORGET THE WHOLE THING.
THANK YOU MISTY-RAIN!
THAT EVENING MISTY RAIN ATE A LOT AT THE DINNER TABLE.
I HAVE A BIG APPETITE TODAY
WITNESSING MISTY RAIN, HANNIT HAS LOST HIS APPETITE

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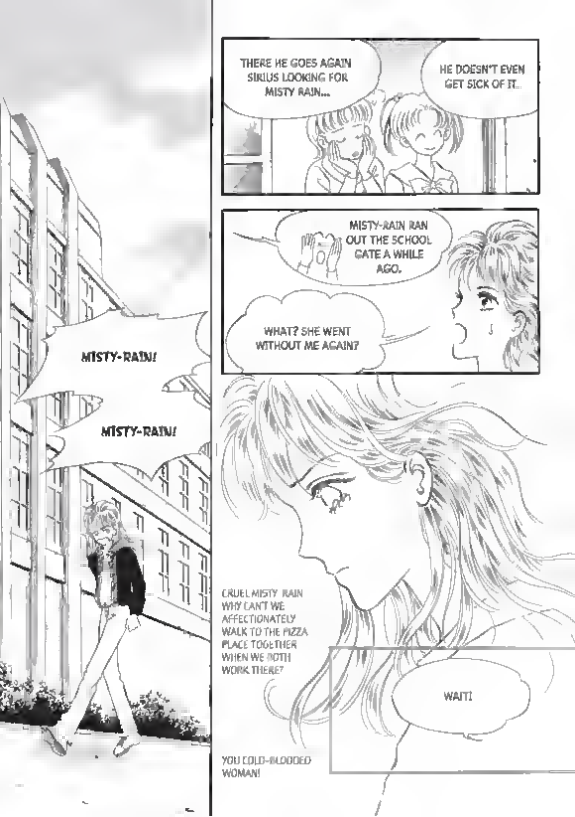

THERE HE GOES AGAIN SIRIUS LOOKING FOR MISTY RAIN...
HE DOESN'T EVEN GET SICK OF IT..
MISTY-RAIN RAN OUT THE SCHOOL GATE A WHILE AGO.
WHAT? SHE WENT WITHOUT ME AGAIN?
MISTY-RAIN!
MISTY-RAIN!
CRUEL MISTY RAIN WHY CAN'T WE AFFECTIONATELY WALK TO THE PIZZA PLACE TOGETHER WHEN WE BOTH WORK THERE?
WAIT!
YOU COLD-BLOODED WOMAN!

YOU'RE SIRIUS, RIGHT?
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU FOR A FEW SECONDS.
?
AN INTERVIEW?
WHAT? AM I SUCH A BIG STAR THAT I'M GOING TO BE ON THE SCHOOL PAPER?
OF COURSE
THE CLASS PRESIDENT AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEDIA CLUB
ALRIGHT. I'LL BE GLAD TO AGREE TO THE INTERVIEW
BUT, IN RETURN YOU MUST MAKE ME LOOK REALLY GOOD IN YOUR ARTICLE.
SURE.

WOW. ISN'T THIS AN ARTICLE ON SIRIUS? HE REALLY IS GREAT. THAT KID IS A CELEBRITY WHEREVER HE GOES.
THIS IS SO AMAZING
I CAN'T BELIEVE A COOL GUY LIKE THAT IS FOND OF ME. I'M SO PROUD OF MYSELF. I'M REALLY LUCKY. I'LL HAVE A BETTER LIFE BECAUSE OF SIRIUS
HEH
SO ELATED THAT HE'S FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE PART-TIME JOB
MISTY RAIN, TWO CHEESEBURGERS AND A LEMON TEA FOR TABLE 16.
FROZEN YOGURT FOR TABLE 6.
YES~.

WAS IT SIRIUS? HE'S NOT COMING TO WORK TODAY?
HE PROBABLY HAS A GOOD REASON.
HMPH! SHE SURE RUNS AROUND WELL.
AH, I'M SO BORED ANYTHING INTERESTING GOING ON?
I'M HUNGRY, WANNA GO HAVE SOME PIG'S FEET?
!

RIGHT! I'LL USE THOSE THUGS
THIS IS GOOD THE PRINCE ISN'T HERE TODAY
HEY, DON'T YOU SUDDENLY WANT SOME HAMBURGERS?
YEAH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. LET'S GO.
REST A BIT IF YOU'RE TIRED. I'LL HELP YOU.
NO. THIS IS MY JOB, BUT THANKS ANYWAY, BEAUTY.
MISTY-RAIN, THIS MIGHT BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR YOU, BUT CAN YOU ADD SOME GRACEFUL MODIFIERS TO MY NAME? LIKE, "BEAUTY OF VERSAILLES," OR "BEAUTIFUL BEAUTY." SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
SURE, OKAY.

TEEHEE. DESPITE THE WAY SHE LOOKS BEAUTIFUL BEAUTY SEEMS TO HAVE A VERY WARM HEART
HEY, LOOK HERE!
YES.
WE ORDERED 3. WHY DID YOU GIVE US SO MANY? WHO'S GONNA PAY FOR ALL THIS?
SORRY?!! BUT, YOU SAID 10 CHEESEBURGERS FOR SURE...
I DON'T CARE. WE ONLY ORDERED 3! YOU CAN TAKE 'EM BACK OR LEAVE 'EM, BUT WE'RE NOT PAYING FOR 'EM.
SQUISH
SQUISH
BEAUTIFUL BEAUTY, WHAT CAN I DO? CAN YOU GO TALK TO THEM?
CUSTOMERS ARE KING.
.....

SSHHF~
YOU WANT US TO TAKE BACK WHAT YOU ALREADY ORDERED?
ACK!
ALL THIS?
GRIN
WE DON'T REFUND ORDERS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TOUCHED SO PLEASE UNDERSTAND.
NO, OF COURSE NOT.
THEY'RE SO SCARED THAT THE SPELL HAS BEEN BROKEN
OH, IT'S NO TROUBLE, SO GO BACK AND GO ON WITH YOUR WORK. WE'LL PAY FOR THE FOOD FOR SURE.
THEY SAID IT'S OKAY.
REALLY? THEY WANTED ME TO TAKE IT BACK JUST NOW

MISTY RAIN! THE IMPORTANT THING IN WAITING IS TO SERVE EACH CUSTOMER WELL, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY'RE JERKS OR GENTLEMEN. IN ANY SITUATION, NEVER FORGET THE SMILE AND WELL-MANNERED TONE.
YOU SHOULD NEVER THREATEN A CUSTOMER OR USE HARSH LANGUAGE! THEY'LL ONLY HATE YOU. ALWAYS LET THE CUSTOMERS-ARE-KING MIND-SET KEEP YOU HUMBLE.
JUST HOW, THE CUSTOMERS' ATTITUDES COMPLETELY CHANGED BECAUSE OF MY FEMININE SPEECH AND SMILE.
GOSH~ HOW COME MY MAGIC DOESN'T WORK IN THE HUMAN WORLD?
THAT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THE PRINCE WASN'T THERE!
SWAP
MY TACTICS HAVE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THAT JERK, BUT MY STRATEGY HASN'T CHANGED
YES! DIRECT METHODS LIKE THIS ONE AREN'T WORKING, SO I SHOULD LET MISTY RAIN FALL INTO A TRAP ON HER OWN FIRST. I NEED TO FIGURE OUT HER WEAKNESS!

NEXT MORNING
HERE, SIRIUS! PUT THIS ROSE IN YOUR MOUTH AND TAKE A COOL POSE.
IN MY MOUTH? HOW?
LIKE THIS. NEAT, HUH?
IT'S COOL. YEAH, WOMEN AND ROSES GO HAND IN HAND.
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
SIRIUS IS AWESOME.
HIS FACE IS ON THE SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD.
LOOK, HERE'S AN INTERVIEW ARTICLE, TOO.

THE STAR OF THE WEEK

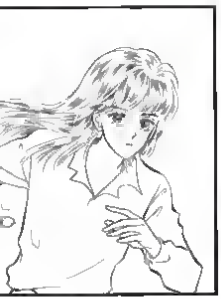
THE GUY IN THE PHOTO IS SIRIUS. CURRENTLY AN 8TH GRADER.

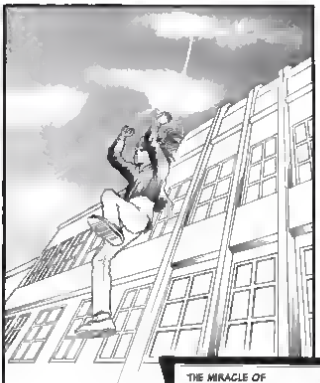
A REALLY HANDSOME GUY. HE HAS THE GREATEST PERSONALITY. PRAISE... PRAISE... CONTINUING PRAISE... A GREAT STAR. THE GENIUS OF OUR GENERATION.

THE UNCONCERNED EXPRESSION ON SIRIUS' FACE AS HE COMPLETES A 100-METER DASH IN ONLY 12 SECONDS IS MARVELOUS

<INTERVIEW ARTICLE>

1. FUTURE GOALS: TO BECOME A GREAT LEADER (I.E. KING)
2. FAVORITE FOOD: WHATEVER MY BELOVED MAKES ME.
3. FAVORITE FEMALE TYPE: HER.
4. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE DRAMA CLUB, BUT DEPENDING ON THE ATTITUDE OF SUIKYU (CAPTAIN OF THE FENCING TEAM) I MIGHT CONSIDER MOVING TO THE FENCING CLUB.
5. SPECIAL TALENTS: ANYTHING YOU WANT!





THE MIRACLE OF THE MODERN AGE. THE SCENE OF HIM JUMPING FROM THE 5TH STORY BUILDING WITHOUT A SCRATCH ON HIS BODY.

ADS

THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T HAVE AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY COME JOIN THE AUTOPSY CLUB. COME TO THE LAB OF LEARNING FILLED WITH TERROR AND THRILL...

LET'S ALL GET A PERM!

GO BEAUTY SALON. SALE STUDENTS GET A DISCOUNT UP TO 60%!

FOR DUELS COME TO "BLOODY NOSE" CAFE.

"RIVER" FAN CLUB QUALIFICATION: ONES WHO CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT RIVER.

SINCE THIS WAS GOING TO BE ON THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, I SHOULD HAVE MADE AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT I HAVE CHOSEN MISTY RAIN TO BE MY FUTURE BRIDE.
IS SIRIUS THAT NEW FOREIGN STUDENT IN YOUR CLASS?
YEAH. THAT'S HIM OVER THERE, THE ONE WITH THE FLOWER IN HIS MOUTH.
OH...HE'S SO~ COOL.
I READ THAT ALTHOUGH WOMEN PRETEND TO NOT CARE, THEY HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE IN THINGS LIKE THIS.
I'M PRETTY SURE THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT FEMALE PSYCHOLOGY.
IT'S EMBARRASSING.
CLUNK
IT'S MISTY RAIN!
IT'S A BIT LOUD IN HERE.
MISTY RAIN! LOOK AT THE NEWSPAPER, YOU SEE, I...
THAT'S NOT DIGNIFIED ENOUGH... IS THERE A MORE SUBTLE WAY TO MAKE HER READ THE ARTICLE?

THAT'S RIGHT!!!
HELLO, MISTY RAIN!
HI.
TAP
SIRIUS... YOU DROPPED THAT ROLL OF NEWSPAPER.
IT'S OKAY. I'M DONE READING IT ANYWAY.
HURRY PICK IT UP AND OPEN IT MISTY RAIN
BUT, YOU SHOULD THROW TRASH IN THE WASTE BASKET DON'T JUST THROW IT ON THE FLOOR.
THUD
I'LL PUT IT AWAY FOR YOU

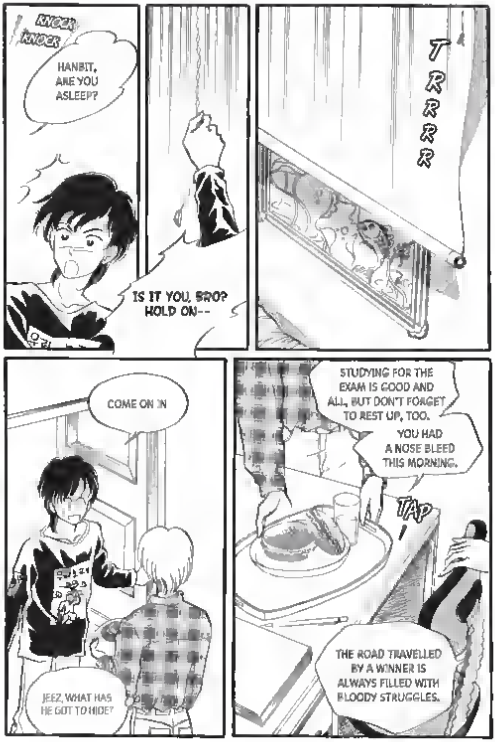
SIRIUS KEEP ON BEING REFINED...
YOU'RE DOING GOOD!
N...NO. JUST GIVE IT TO ME.
ANYWAY, MISTY-RAIN. DO YOU KNOW WHY I WASN'T ABLE TO WORK YESTERDAY?
DID YOU GET A STOMACHACHE AND DIARRHEA BECAUSE YOU ATE TOO MUCH PIZZA?
..NO, NOT THAT. I WAS SUDDENLY INTERVIEWED FOR A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.
INTERVIEW?
WHY? DID YOU ROB A BANK? OR WERE YOU PICKPOCKETING?
I CAN'T LOOK. IT'S TOO TRAGIC.
MISTY-RAIN CAUSE SO MUCH PAIN, AND SHE JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW TH E MEANING OF ENCOURAGEMENT
SIRIUS, YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL IN CHOOSING YOUR MATE.

WHAT AILS YOU DOING?
ARGH— GRAA...
DON'T YOU HAVE A SENSE OF PRIDE, YOUR HIGHNESS?
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE PRINCE, I'D SLAP THAT AUDACIOUS FACE OF HERS
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THAT FACE ANYWAY?
MINE IS MUCH BETTER, FROM FRONT AND SIDE
WHAT CAN BE MISSING THE PRINCE JUST HAS TERRIBLE TASTE!

PART 3. THE SONG BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

CHAPTER 3 MISTY-RAIN LAUGHS AND CRIES OVER MONEI

FLIP
FROM
HOPE NURSING HOME
TO


KNOCK KNOCK
HANBIT, ARE YOU ASLEEP?
IS IT YOU, BRO? HOLD ON--
TRRRR
COME ON IN
JEEZ, WHAT HAS HE GOT TO HIDE?
STUDYING FOR THE EXAM IS GOOD AND ALL, BUT DON'T FORGET TO REST UP, TOO.
YOU HAD A NOSE BLEED THIS MORNING.
TAP
THE ROAD TRAVELLED BY A WINNER IS ALWAYS FILLED WITH BLOODY STRUGGLES.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE BURGERS?
MISTY RAIN BROUGHT THEM HOME.
EH? THAT CHEAPSKATE? WHAT'S GOING ON?
SEEMS LIKE SHE HAS A PART-TIME JOB I'M AMAZED AT HOW HARD SHE'S WORKING AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE. WITH YOUR EXAMS COMING UP, I HOPE SHE ISN'T STRETCHING HERSELF TOO THIN
SHE FINALLY CAME TO HER SENSES. I SHOULD MAKE HER PAY FOR THE RENT SHE OWES US
OH YEAH!
HANBIT, IF SHE'S HAVING A HARD TIME AT SCHOOL, TEACH HER. IT'S HER VERY FIRST EXAM.
GULP
NOPE. I DON'T DO PRIVATE LESSONS.
THAT JERK

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T BRING THEIR CLASS FEE, BE SURE TO BRING IT TOMORROW.
I ENVY THE CLASSROOM REP. HE GETS TO COUNT THE MONEY
1 400 WON, 1 500 WON
OH, I GOT IT WRONG AGAIN. THIS IS SO ANNOYING

I SHOULD COUNT IT AGAIN AFTER I GO TO THE BATHROOM
MONEY- IT'S MONEY!
IF YOU WANT IT, WHY DON'T YOU JUST TAKE IT? WHEN THE CLASSROOM REP GETS BACK, I'LL TELL HIM THAT A GIRL WITH LONG HAIR TOOK IT
PSH! WHO SAYS I'M GOING TO TAKE IT? I'M GOING TO GET MY PAYCHECK FROM THE PART-TIME JOB REAL SOON ANYWAY!
SSSH
WHAT'S THAT SHINING METAL THING?
CAN IT BE

IT'S 500 WON!
500
THOSE IDIOTS! THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THERE'S A 500 WON COIN ON THE CLASSROOM FLOOR.
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
LALLA~
SWISH
TAAP

I'LL TAKE IT WHERE THERE AREN'T ANY PEOPLE..
DRAG
DRAG
BOING
STUMP
STUMP

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HANJI? COULD IT... COULD IT BE HIS MONEY?
WHEW~ HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN PAIN.
SECLUDED HALLWAY
PFFFFFFFFFF
PHEW~ I REALLY NEEDED TO FART
TO FART OUTSIDE IS JUST BASIC ETIQUETTE, ISN'T IT?
DRAG
GOOD. NOBODY WILL NOTICE ANYTHING FROM THIS FAR AWAY

WHAT'S UP WITH HER? DOES SHE KNOW THAT I JUST FARTED?
PZZT
HE KNOWS, THAT HANBIT JERK.
HE WAS TRYING TO TEST MY HONESTY BY DELIBERATELY DROPPING 500 WON ON THE FLOOR. STUPID JERK.

MISTY-RAIN.
FINALLY!
IT'S DEFINITELY BECAUSE I HAD TOO MUCH SWEET POTATOES LAST NIGHT
IT'S YOUR TURN TO COOK TONIGHT, RIGHT? PAY SOME ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU MAKE.
WHAT? DOES HE WANT ME TO USE THIS TOWARD OUR LIVING EXPENSES?
PLOP
PLOP
SAD MOM
YES! THAT'S IT!

MISTY-RAIN'S WEAKPOINT
HE HAS NOTHING FOR
MONEY. SHE DOES
ANYTHING FOR MONEY
YES, THAT'S EXACTLY IT!
I'LL MAKE HER USE
COUNTERFEIT MONEY
AND HAVE HER
SPEND TIME IN JAIL.
BY THE TIME
SHE GETS OUT OF
PRISON, SHE'LL BE
A GRANNY. SHE'S WI
NEL SICK OF WATCHING
AND I'LL GIVE UP ON
R COMPLETELY
M CHILDHOOD

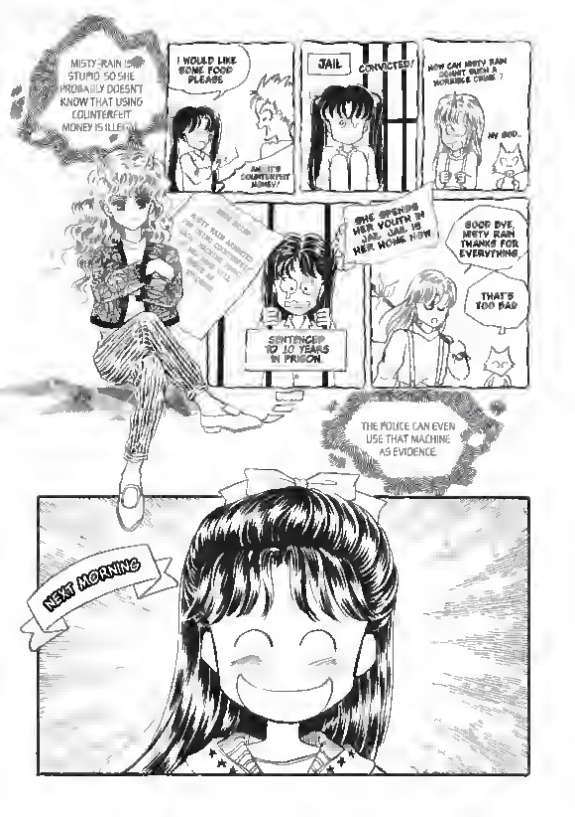
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S HEAVY
IS THIS SCRAP METAL? SHOULD I TRADE THIS FOR SOME TAFFY?
IT'S NOT SCRAP METAL.
PASSER-BY NO. 1
WHAT KIND OF MACHINE IS THIS?
OH IT OPENS UP
IT'S A MACHINE THAT PRINTS MONEY.
PASSER-BY NO. 2
YEAH, RIGHT.

IT'S NOT A LIE.
PASSER-BY NO. 3
....
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S OKAY.
THAT NIGHT
DINNER TIME~
HANBIT, PUT SOME RICE IN MY BOWL, TOO.
WHAT IS THAT A WASH BASIN?

OH, IT'S TOO LITTLE!
FINISH THAT FIRST, THEN I'LL GIVE YOU MORE.
ONE MORE.
SHE EATS QUICKLY
ONE MORE AGAIN.
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY HUNGRY
ANOTHER ONE.
SHE IS INDEED AMAZING
MISTY-RAIN
IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH TO CHEW YOUR FOOD AT LEAST 20 TIMES BEFORE YOU SWALLOW.

I'M DONE EATING
YOU TWO TAKE CARE OF THE DISHES.
I'LL DO THE DISHES, SO DON'T WORRY, MISTY RAIN.
HE MUST BE ANGRY BECAUSE I ATE TOO MUCH.
YEAH, I'M A PARASITE IN A WAY. I'M SURE HE SPENDS A LOT OF MONEY ON RICE BECAUSE OF ME.
IF I HAD MONEY I CAN BUY LOTS OF RICE AND EAT AS MUCH AS I WANT
MEAL TIME WILL BE SO MUCH FUN IF I HAD MONEY
PILE~

...MONEY!
MONEY~! IT'S MONEY~!
I HELPED OUT A LITTLE BECAUSE YOU WERE MOVING TOO SLOWLY, MISTY-BABE. HOOHOO...


MISTY-RAIN IS STUPID. SO SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW THAT USING COUNTERFEIT MONEY IS ILLEGAL!
I WOULD LIKE SOME FOOD PLEASE
OH, IT'S COUNTERFEIT MONEY!
JAIL
CONVICTED!
HOW CAN MISTY RAIN COUNT SUCH A HORRIBLE CRIME..?
MY GOD..
A FEW YEARS AGO, THERE WERE SOME COUNTERFEIT BILLS IN CIRCULATION. THEY WERE SO GOOD, THAT EVEN BANKS COULDN'T TELL THEY WERE FAKE.
SHE SPENDS HER YOUTH IN JAIL. JAIL IS HER HOME NOW
GOOD BYE, MISTY RAIN. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING
THAT'S TOO BAD
SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON
THE POLICE CAN EVEN USE THAT MACHINE AS EVIDENCE
NEXT MORNING

WHAT'S UP WITH HER FACE?
SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN TO YOU, MISTY KAIN?
NO, NO. NOTHING...
IF YOU WASHED YOUR FACE, DRY IT WITH A TOWEL! YOU'RE DRIPPING WATER ALL OVER THE FLOOR!
OH, SORRY, SORRY...
HITE
HITE
SH SHE'S USING THE MOP
SMILE
SMILE
BOAH
BOAH
LEECH
LEECH

HOTDOGS
FISH CAKES
THAT'S RIGHT, MISTY-RAIN. HURRY UP AND USE THAT COUNTERFEIT MONEY.
HOW MANY DO YOU WANT?
DROOL
THAT LOOKS GOOD!
TROT
GRR~
THAT MISER. SHE'S MAKING ME MAD

ACTUALLY, I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY THIS MUCH FOOD..
HOHOHOHA!
BUT, MISTY RAIN WASN'T ABLE TO USE THAT MONEY..
BECAUSE THORNPRICKER WAS IN A HURRY AND SHE ONLY MANAGED TO COPY ONE SIDE OF THE BILL.
HEY YOU RETARD!! DON'T YOU HAVE THE SENSE TO TELL IF A BILL IS REAL OR FAKE?
SUNDAY IS THE BIG CLEANING DAY AND MISTY RAIN GOT SERIOUSLY YELLED AT BY HANBIT
CLEAN OUT THIS TRASH RIGHT NOW!

JEEZ... SUCH A WEIRD PERSONALITY...
HOW CAN ANYONE LIKE FREEBIES THAT MUCH?
WHY SHE ISN'T GOING BALD* IS THE LAST MYSTERY OF HUMAN KIND.
A WHILE LATER, MISTY-RAIN GETS A CHANCE TO HOLD HONEST MONEY. SHE GOT HER PAYCHECK FROM THE PART TIME JOB SHE WORKED SO HARD AT.
1,000 WON, 2,000 WON... 5,000 WON...
I'M GOING TO COUNT THEM AGAIN TO MAKE SURE IT'S ALL HERE.
1,000 WON, 2,000 WON... 37,000 WON...
AGAIN 1,000 WON...
&LANGS
MISTY-RAIN, WHY DON'T YOU PLEASE COUNT THE MONEY AT HOME?
AHHH~ THE FIRST WAD OF CASH I EARNED ON MY OWN!
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS MONEY IS THE BEST!

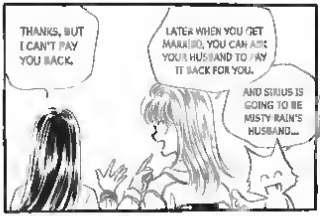
*IN KOREA, PEOPLE WHO LOVE FREEBIES EXCESSIVELY ARE SAID TO GO BALD

IS THERE ANYONE WHO DOESN'T LOVE YOU? IS THERE ANYONE WHO DOESN'T DREAM ABOUT YOU? IS THERE ANYONE WHO HATES YOU? CONFLICTS SADNESS, BETRAYAL, PAIN, AND CONTEMPT ALL THESE ARISE BECAUSE OF YOU
I WANT YOU MORE THAN I WANT BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS I WANT YOU MORE THAN THE BRIGHT SHINING SUN. ONLY YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO ME. MY LOVE... MY DREAM... MY HOPE... MY ANGEL...
THY NAME IS MR. MONEY.
AH AH... MONEY...
MONEY! I LOVE YOU!
DO YOU LIKE MONEY THAT MUCH?
OF COURSE, I DO.

WHY?
IF YOU HAVE MONEY, YOU CAN LIVE COMFORTABLY IN A NICE HOUSE, EAT AS MUCH RICE AND FISH AS YOU WANT, GET A CAR, BUY COOKIES...
ANYWAY, YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING WITH MONEY, RIGHT?
BUT, MISTY-RAIN, JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE MONEY DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN HAVE EVERYTHING. WHAT ABOUT THE WARMTH OF LOVE...

MISTY-RAIN
WHY HAS SHE CHANGED SO MUCH? BEFORE... SHE WAS BLUNT AND ROUGH, BUT SHE HAD A WARM HEART

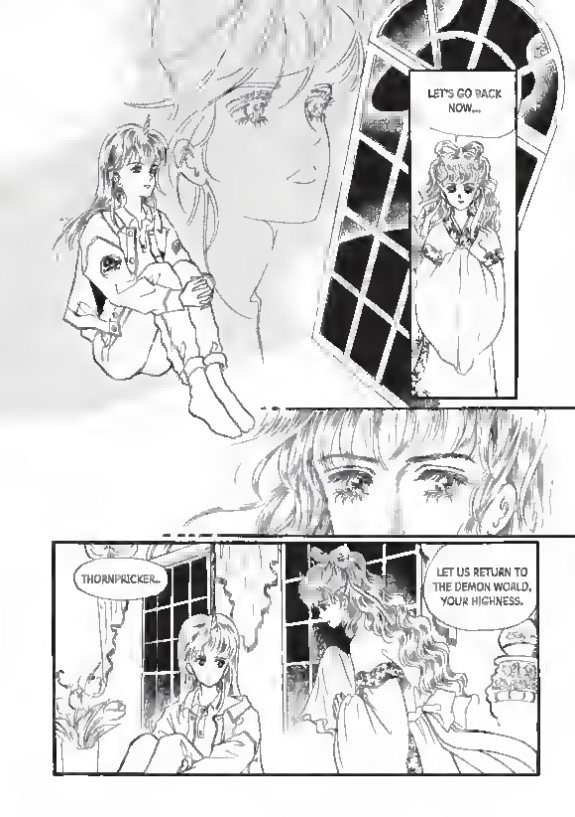
HAS THE HUMAN WORLD CHANGED HER?
I'M THE ONE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR HER BANISHMENT TO THE HUMAN WORLD
I'M THE ONE WHO RUINED HER.
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.
HUH?
WHATEVER YOU NEED, I...I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU LEAVE IT TO ME
THAT WOULD JUST BE A BURDEN ON ME, SO NO THANK YOU
THEN, WHAT IF I LEND IT TO YOU?

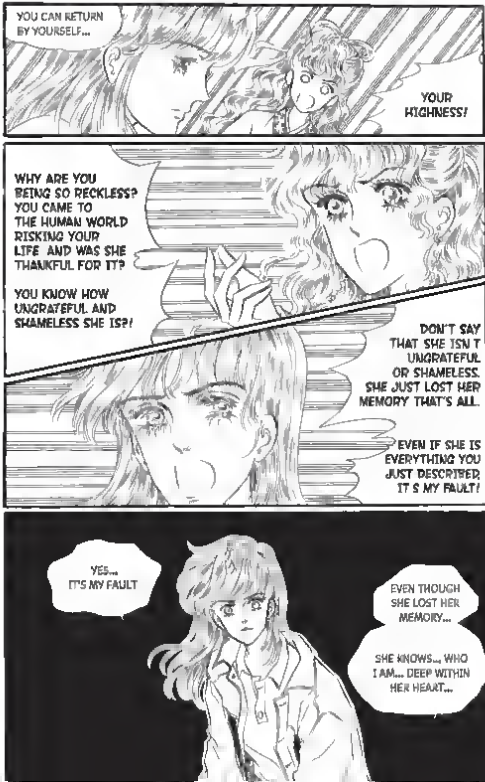

THANKS, BUT I CAN'T PAY YOU BACK.
LATER WHEN YOU GET MARRIED, YOU CAN ASK YOUR HUSBAND TO PAY IT BACK FOR YOU.
AND SIRIUS IS GOING TO BE MISTY RAIN'S HUSBAND...

A STRANGE KID.. SIRIUS...

EMOTIONAL
TELL ME I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT
AH~ FINALLY MISTY-RAIN HAS DECIDED TO LEAN ON ME
FROM NOW ON...
YEAH. YEAH.
EVEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD THERE'S ALWAYS A SERIES OF STRANGE THINGS HAPPENING EVERYDAY
STOP FOLLOWING ME AROUND.
LET'S PRETEND WE DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER, NOT AT SCHOOL... OR IN THE HAMBURGER PLACE...
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT EVEN CONVERSATIONS WITH MONGRYONG BECAME POSSIBLE
OF COURSE, I'M NOT SAYING THAT YOU'RE BEING MEAN TO ME. WHATEVER THE REASON IS, I KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT ME AND YOU'RE ALWAYS PAYING A LOT OF ATTENTION TO ME.
YET I FIND MYSELF ACCEPTING ALL THOSE UNNATURAL THINGS AS IF THEY'RE THE MOST NORMAL THINGS IN THE WORLD
BUT, THAT ANNOYS ME.

SO PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE.
I WANT TO RECLAIM MY LIFE'S PEACE.


LET'S GO BACK NOW...
THORNPRICKER...
LET US RETURN TO THE DEMON WORLD, YOUR HIGHNESS.


YOU CAN RETURN BY YOURSELF...
YOUR HIGHNESS!
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO RECKLESS? YOU CAME TO THE HUMAN WORLD RISKING YOUR LIFE AND WAS SHE THANKFUL FOR IT?
YOU KNOW HOW UNGRATEFUL AND SHAMELESS SHE IS?!
DON'T SAY THAT SHE ISN'T UNGRATEFUL OR SHAMELESS. SHE JUST LOST HER MEMORY THAT'S ALL.
EVEN IF SHE IS EVERYTHING YOU JUST DESCRIBED, IT'S MY FAULT!
YES... IT'S MY FAULT
EVEN THOUGH SHE LOST HER MEMORY...
SHE KNOWS... WHO I AM... DEEP WITHIN HER HEART...

THAT'S WHY...
YES, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT
BUT, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
SHE CAN'T TURN INTO A DONEBI.
AND YOU CAN'T TURN INTO A HUMAN.
EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY HAVE ALL THESE MEDICATIONS...
THEY CAN'T TRULY HELP YOU...

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